

WO GERMAN OFFICERS AND TWENTY MEN ARE CAPTURED IN AMERICAN-FRANCO RAID

Also Gathers in Machine
Gun and Other Valuable
War Materials.

T A SAMMY WOUNDED

In Casualties Among the Kaiser's
troops are reported to be heavy;
capture of Monarchy in Russia
the aim of the German Machine.

By Associated Press.

THE AMERICAN ARMY IN
FRANCE, Feb. 25.—An American pa-
triot in the Chemin-des-Dames sector
yesterday penetrated a few
yards into the German lines and
captured two German officers, 20
and one machine gun.

There was some sharp fighting and
number of the enemy were killed
wounded. There were no Ameri-
casualties. The Franco-Ameri-
patrol was under the command of
each officer.

War Office communication Sat-
urday reported that north of the Al-
river, which parallels the Chemin-
des-Dames, French troops had
struck the German lines as far
as the neighborhood of Chemigny.
are reported to have returned
materials and 25 prisoners, in-
cluding two officers.

IRP AMBASSADORS

REMAIN IN PETERSBURG

PETERSBURG, Feb. 25.—The allied
ambassadors at a conference today at
American embassy determined to
remain in Petrograd pending devel-
opments. The general belief in en-
emy circles is that the German
which the Bolsheviks have
to accept are couched in such
terms that they must be
accepted thoroughly before the so-
ciety of Russia can be secured.
Some members of the staff al-
ready have left while others will
stay of Siberia on a special train
at. The ambassadors have not
reached a decision.

IRP PLANS RESTORATION

OF MONARCHY IN RUSSIA

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Germany plans
to restore the monarchy in Russia,
claiming to a telegram dated Friday
struck to the Morning Post. It
the Grand Duke of Hesse has
appointed the commander in the
section of the German front.
is sister," the dispatch adds, "the
of her son, the former Tsar-
is the favorite German candi-
date for the throne. The former em-
perors will not accept the throne from
any hands."

I ACCEPT TERMS

LASTING TRUCE COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—"Their
are on our chest and our posi-
is hopeless," declared Nicholas
the Bolshevik premier, in the
of his long speech to the Cen-
Executive Committee of the al-
lian, "Condemn of Workmen and
ers" delegates in which he in-
telligently urged the acceptance of
the German peace conditions, how-
ever oppressive and unfavorable they
appear.

his peace must be accepted as a
to," he continued, "enabling us
secure a decisive resistance to the
men and imperialism. The
of the whole world will
to our aid."

Karakhan, who was secretary of Russian delegation at Brest-Lit-

sk explained to the Associated
Press today that the Bolshevik gov-
ernment considers most ambitious
part of the German terms con-
cerning the demobilization of the
army. A literal translation
up to newly formed battalions,"
Karakhan said, may either exempt
include the new Red army.

DERED UNITED STATES

at Pleasant Germans Held There

as Enemy Aliens.

Special to The Courier.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Feb. 25.—
Welmer and Joe Reidenman are
arrested here charged with being
also with slandering the United

States.

John P. Kilgore has asked
Judge Sam P. Stevens to hold the
pending action by United States
attorney R. Lowery Humes.

former became involved yesterday
affair with Robert Groesser who
led to his arrest. Mrs. Groesser
arrested. Welmer was fined \$40,
Groesser \$15.

In Pittsburgh Hospital.

William Ridenour of Browns-
ville was admitted to the Presbyterian
hospital, Pittsburgh, to undergo an op-
eration. Mrs. Ridenour is a daughter
of Mrs. John Fuchrer of Mor-
venue, Greenwood.

Kerr Receives Commission.

J. P. Kerr, of Pittsburgh, brother
of J. French Kerr, received his
commission as major in the Medical
Reserve Corps Saturday.

BOYS LEAVING CAMP LEE EVERY DAY FOR FRONT, SLIGER SAYS

It Will Be Four or Five Months, He
Believes, Before the Late Con-
tingents Are Ready.

Steadily, the boys of Western Penn-
sylvania at Camp Lee are moving to-
ward the battle front in France, ac-
cording to a letter received from
Ralph F. Sliger, former linotype op-
erator at the Courier, who recently
went to camp. In a brief note to Mrs.
K. M. Snyder, president of The Cour-
ier company, he says:

"Today being Washington's birth-
day we are having a holiday until to-
morrow. They made announcement
yesterday that the ones who were not
in the mess hall by 6:30 this morning
would not get any breakfast. I was
down at the door waiting for it to
open. This drilling in the open air
surely does make a person eat. We
get plenty of good wholesome food
and I am sure this life will be good
for me."

"They are sending fellows from
here across. Every day some from one
company or another are selected to
go. Perhaps it will be four or five
months before the men that came with
me will be ready, but when the time
comes they will find men ready."

"This is a wonderful place. When you
are out on the drill ground you can
look in any direction and see thou-
sands of men at drill. It makes one
realize that this is not play but work
and that there is a purpose in view.
The boys here are a happy lot. They
all seem to be good fellows and are
ready at all times to show you or tell
you anything. The company to which
I have been assigned, Company H, 319
Infantry, is considered the crack one
of the regiment. Will close with best
wishes to the whole Courier force."

TO DISCHARGE ALIENS

Thousand at Camp Lee to be Given Their Release Soon.

By Associated Press.

CAMP LEE, Feb. 25.—Nearly 1,000
enemy aliens in training here for the
National Army have been recom-
mended for discharge and will be per-
mitted to return to their homes. It was
announced at division headquarters to-
day. Most of the men are Austrians
and many are said to have asked to
be permitted to remain in the army.
The men represent practically every
county in Virginia, West Virginia and
Western Pennsylvania. Since the
United States declared war on Aus-
tria the men have been attached to
the depot brigade.

OIL BOAT ATTACKED

One American Killed and Three Are Wounded by Mexican Bandits.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—One Ameri-
can was killed and three were
wounded in an attack by Mexican band-
its on an oil boat at Tampico Satur-
day.

The names of the Americans were
not included in the brief report received
today by the State Department.

Officials however regarded the in-
cident as a case of robbery rather
than outbreak of anti-American feel-
ing. The government has called the
incident to the attention of the Mexi-
can government.

WAS ON TUSCANIA

Former Perryopolis Man is Listed Among Those Saved.

Attorney Ewing Stephens of Seat-
le, Wash., formerly of Perryopolis
and known in Connellsville, was
among the survivors of the Tuscania.
A letter received this morning by Mrs.
O. B. Craft of North Pittsburgh street,
a cousin of Attorney Stephens, told of
his safety.

Attorney Stephens is a son of Mr.
and Mrs. Samuel Stephens of Seat-
le, former Perryopolis residents, and
is a nephew of R. W. Allen of Morrell
avenue, Greenwood. He was born at
Perryopolis.

WILL AID DARR

Uniontown Trades Council Boosts Shipbuilding Recruiting.

At a meeting last evening the Un-
iontown Trades Council named a com-
mittee of five to cooperate with in-
spector James S. Darr of Connellsville
in recruiting men for the shipbuilding
service.

The council by resolution endorsed
the candidacy of R. B. McIntyre for
assembly in the Second Fayette county
district. McIntyre is secretary of the
council.

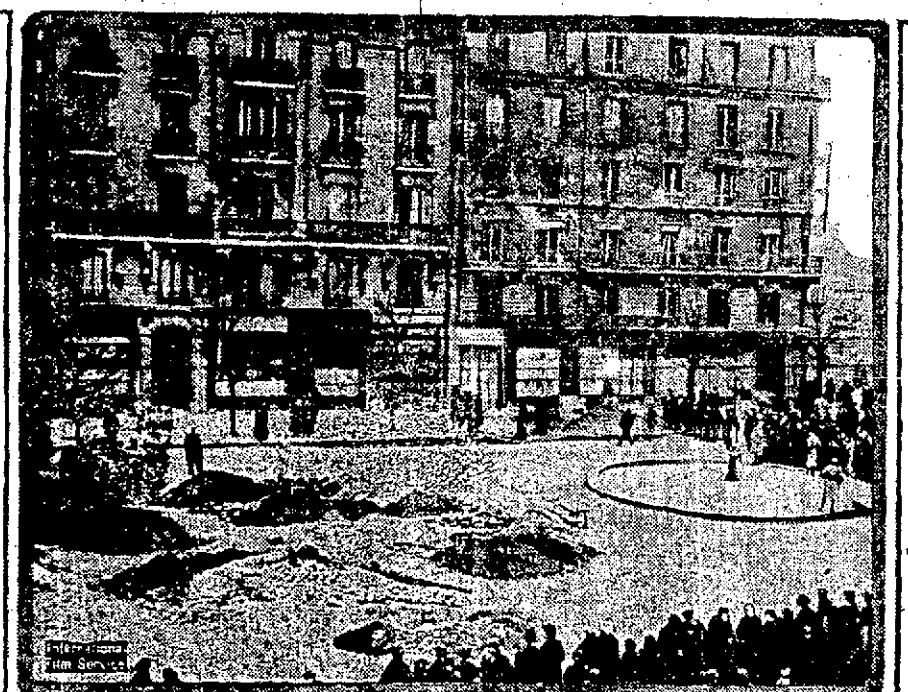
Auditors Are Named.

On petitions presented to court,
Judge Van Swearingen this morning
appointed Carl Freshley and Walter
Moorman as auditors of the borough
of South Connellsville to fill the vacan-
cies caused by the resignations of
George C. Gray and Walter Artzman.

Chicken-Pox Reported.

A case of chicken-pox was reported
to the Board of Health Saturday.
There have been six cases of measles
on Davidson Hill reported.

A STREET IN PARIS AFTER THE VISIT OF GERMAN GOTHAS



43 ARE RESCUED FROM RED CROSS LINER FLORIZEL

Victims of Cape Race Ship-
wreck Landed This After-
noon at St. Johns.

ALL SUFFER TERRIBLY

Water Puts Out the Fires and the Ship Is in Darkness; Relatives Make Frantic Efforts to Learn Names of Survivors of the Wreck of the

By Associated Press.

ST. JOHNS, Feb. 25.—Forty-three
persons aboard the Red Cross liner
Florizel, wrecked near Cape Race in a
storm yesterday, were rescued to-
day. Three rescue ships brought the
first of survivors to port and others
were on the way.

The first lot of survivors was taken
off in life boats and four dories, but
the sea was so rough that they were
unable to approach the shore near
which the Florizel struck early Sun-
day morning while on a voyage from
this port to Halifax and New York.
All had suffered terribly from cold
and exposure. A wireless message
from the Prospero to John Crosbie,
minister of shipping, early today was
the first word of hope that any of the
77 passengers and crew of 69 had been
saved.

Frantic efforts were made by relatives
of the passengers aboard the
Florizel to learn the names of those
picked up by the Prospero. The first
message from that vessel, stating that
at least 40 persons were waiting to be
rescued, held out hope that others
might be saved and the Prospero's
commander was directed by the min-
ister of shipping to send the names at
the earliest possible moment.

Although the sea today was not as
rough as when the steamer struck on
the rocks reports indicated that res-
cue work was extremely dangerous.
The Florizel, wireless was wrecked.
Fire was out and the ship was help-
less and at the mercy of the waves.

DEATH LIST IN FLORIZEL

WRECK PLACED AT 102.

MONTREAL, Feb. 25.—The death
list of the wreck of the Florizel is
given as 102 in a report from the Cape
Race agent of the Marconi Telegraph
company received here today. The
total number saved is reported as 44.

MORE SUGAR AND CEREALS

Larger Supplies of Both Expected to Be Available Shortly.

The announcement has been made
by state food administration authorities
that ample supplies of sugar and
wheat flour substitutes will soon be
available for people in the western
end of the state.

Sugar shipments are already com-
ing in more freely. The cereal mar-
ket is still restricted but it is improv-
ing and promises soon to become still
better.

UNREGISTERED GERMAN.

Will Be Interred by Orders of the De- partment of Justice.

The announcement has been made
at Washington that preparations have
been made by the Department of Jus-
tice for the interment of Germans who
failed to register during the recent
census of German enemy aliens. In-
terment will be imposed upon those
who have deliberately refused to reg-
ister. Lenience will be shown those
who neglected or were unaware that
registration was necessary.

Dies of Smallpox.

Gregg Townsend, little son of Mr.
and Mrs. Samuel Townsend of Nichol-
son township, died last Friday of
smallpox after the case had been diag-
nosed as spinal meningitis. Enoch
Abraham, an uncle of the child, is ill.

REFUSES TO STAND WHEN STAR SPANGLED BANNER IS PLAYED; IS EJECTED

Special to The Courier.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Feb. 25.

On Saturday evening in a local
club "The Star Spangled
Banner" was played on a ve-
locity and every man but one in the
room stood up and lifted
his hat. The man who refused to
stand up was approached and the hat
knocked off his head. Still he did not stand up.
There was no room in the club
for this man, so one of the patri-
otic sons took him to the
door and threw him down the
steps.

HEARING IN LINDLEY

HABEAS CORPUS ACTION

BEGUN IN UNIONTOWN

Alleged slayer of Frank A. Burkey
Seeks to be Released Under Bail.

Hearing of witnesses in the habeas
corpus proceeding of Frank M. Lind-
ley, who is accused of slaying Frank
A. Burkey in the latter's office here
in December was begun in court in
Uniontown at 2:30 o'clock this after-
noon. Lindley who has been in jail
since the murder is seeking to be re-
leased under bail.

The first witness called was A. L.
Schweiblin, associate of Burkey in the
lumber business. He testified of being
in the office the evening before the
murder and of coming to the office
the next morning and finding the body
of Burkey. His evidence was prac-
tically the same as was given at the
inquest.

At 3:15 o'clock Schweiblin was be-
ing cross examined. It was expected
the case would not be concluded until
late in the day.

REID CAR STOLEN

Big Automobile Is Taken From West Peach Street.

A seven passenger, eight cylinder,
1916 model Cadillac automobile, was
stolen from Mrs. J. M. Reid of West
Peach street last night between 9:30
and 11 o'clock. The car was taken
from the street in front of the Reid
residence.

The police of Uniontown, Scotland,
Greensburg and Pittsburgh have been
notified to be on the lookout for the
car, which is a dark green.

This morning the Uniontown police
called here, saying they had discover-
ed the car several miles outside of
that city. The automobile, it devel-
oped, was not a Cadillac.

Services at Hospital.

Members of the congregation of the First Baptist church held services yesterday afternoon in every ward of the Cottage State hospital. Rev. Wil- bur Nelson, the pastor, offered prayer.

The services, which were in charge of
Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Dull, were the first
to be held at the hospital for some
time.

U. B. Revival On.

Evangelistic services will be held
each evening this week in the United
Brethren church tonight. Rev. R. S.
Showers, son of the pastor and superin-
tendent of the Erie conference of the
United Brethren church, will be the
speaker. Rev. Showers spoke morning
and evening Sunday.

Weather Forecast

Rain tonight; Tuesday clear and
colder; temperature will fall 25 or
30 degrees, is the noon weather fore-
cast for Western Pennsylvania.

Temperature Record.

1918 1917

Maximum 59 57

Minimum 38 41

Mean 49 50

The Young river rose during the
night from 5.80 feet to 6 feet.

TWENTY PER CENT SUBSTITUTE WAR BREAD IS HERE

Local Bakers Make Use of Bar-
ley and Corn in the
Adulteration.

12-OUNCE LOAF ALLOWED

But With Decrease in Weight the Man- ufacturer and the Dealer Are Re- quired to Cut Down the Price, Says the Food Administration Order.

Beginning with the bakings of yester-
day the proprietors of all public
bakeries are required, under the order
of the Food Administration, issued
January 29, to use not less than 20
per cent of substitutes in the manu-
facture of bread.

In view of the shortage of substi-
tutes at the time the order was issued
bakers were allowed to begin the
making of war bread with the ad-
dition of only five per cent of substi-
tutes, which was to be gradually in-
creased up to a maximum of 20 per
cent by February 24.

Substitutes in use have been rye,
barley, corn, rice and potato flour and
few consumers have noticed little dif-
ference in the quality or taste of the
loaves. Increasing the substitutes to
20 per cent may affect a greater
change in the bread, but it is one to
which consumers, in the interest of
food conservation, will be obliged to
accustom themselves, it being the in-
tention of the Food Administration to
require a strict compliance with the
80-20 rule.

At the same time bakers have been
granted the privilege of reducing the
weight of their loaves to 12 ounces
upon the condition that the price be
reduced accordingly. Bakers in Pitts-
burg are disposed to resent this re-
quest, charging that the food admin-
istration's new order was brought
about by chain stores, or some other
interested parties, seeking a subter-
fuge with which to delude the public.

CONFISCATE BEEF

Health Officer Hetszel and Attorney Renner Seize Diseased Quarters.

Health Officer George Hetszel and
Attorney J. Kirk Renner, on a tele-
phone tip from Casparis shortly af-
ternoon Saturday, confiscated two
quarters of an alleged diseased beef
which they located in a North end
butcher shop, operated by a foreigner.
It is claimed that the meat is that of
a cow which became sick and died.
The cow was owned by an Italian
living at Casparis, who when the bo-
vine died, instead of burying the car-
cass, cut it up and sold it here. None
of the meat had been sold to custo-
mers by the butcher.

REPLACING MAINS

Lines in Ogden and Edna Streets De- stroyed by Freezing.

Uncovering the four-inch main in
Ogden street revealed that it was
split in many places by freezing and
preparations were at once made to
replace it. Similar action will prob-
ably be necessary in Edna street.

A force of about 20 of the gas com-
pany's men was at work yesterday
and today digging up the old main
in Ogden street and making ready to
put in the new one which will be
placed below the frost line.

Jewish War Benefit.

A moving picture for the benefit of
the soldiers, sailors and Jewish war
sufferers will be shown Tuesday
March 5, at the Paramount. Tickets
sold at 25 cents each, have been
placed on sale at the trading stamp
booth at the Wright-Metzer company
store and at other places in the city.

CITY BIDS GODSPEED TO MORE OF ITS DRAFTEES, OFF FOR TRAINING CAMP

STERLING WILL TELL OF THE WAR SITUATION AS WASHINGTON KNOWS IT

At Navy League Meeting Tonight;
Moving Pictures of Local Soldiers
and Patriotic Music.

While no formal title has been an-
nounced as the subject of the ad-
dress to be given by Congressman
Bruce P. Sterling, under the auspices
of the Edwin S. Porter Branch of the
Navy League in the high school auditor-
ium tonight, the speaker will deal
with the war situation as it is known
in Washington. The position Con-
gressman Sterling occupies brings him
in close touch with the latest devel-
opments hence he will be able to im-
part a fund of information concern-
ing the progress of the part our coun-
try is taking in the world conflict, as
well as to point out the things that
we as citizens need to do to help
American win the war.

A program suitable to the purposes
of the evening has been prepared. The
introductory number will be a vocal
selection by Miss Mary McConnell, fol-
lowed by a selection by Kiefer's or-
chestra. Moving pictures of the camp
life of our local boys will then be pre-
sented, followed by patriotic selections
by Miss McConnell with Miss Pearl
Keck, accompanist.

At the conclusion of Congressman
Sterling's address moving pictures of
a patriotic character will be present-
ed, the program concluding with the
singing of the "Star Spangled Ban-
ner" by Miss McConnell.

The exercises will begin at 7:45
o'clock.

NEW TRUST COMPANY

Will be Formed to Take Over Union- town Bank Building.

The announcement has been made
in Uniontown that a new trust com-
pany will be formed to take over the
First National Bank building and
utilize the banking rooms for the new
financial enterprise.

It is understood that James I.
Feather, who purchased the building
for \$700,000 at the sale on Saturday,
has associated with him a number of
men prominent in financial and indus-
trial circles in the county in the or-
ganization of the proposed new trust
company.

A certified check for \$20,000 was
handed Receiver Strawn, after "Col-
onel" Charles M. Fee, the auctioneer,
declared Mr. Feather the purchaser on
Saturday. Confirmation of the sale
will be asked by the United States Dis-
trict Court in Pittsburgh next Friday.
A payment of \$20,000 will be made at
that time and two payments of \$40-
000 are to be made in one and two
years, respectively, after the confirma-
tion of the sale, although the pur-
chaser will have the right to anticipate
either or both deferred payments.

COMPULSORY SAVING

Of Food May Become Necessary to Af- fect Sufficient Saving.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The re-
port of the House Agriculture Com-
mittee on the bill giving the President
power to regulate public eating houses
and the distribution and manufacture
of foodstuffs, indicates that compul-
sory conservation of foodstuffs may be
an early necessity.

"The appeals to save food have met
with gratifying results," the report
says, and adds: "But there is a small
per cent of people who either willfully
or for lack of understanding fail to
respond to the call made for patriotic
duty."

"The food situation as it affects us
and our allies," the report continues,
"is becoming so critically serious as
to warrant the committee in the be-
lief that the necessity is upon us of
adopting compulsory methods of con-
servation in certain well defined di-
rections."

SECOND DRAFT

May Come Late in April, Certainly Not Later Than May 1.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—While war
department officials reiterate that no
date has definitely been fixed for the
calling of the second draft of the na-
tional army, all available outward in-
dications would seem to point to some
time during the month of April or at
the latest early in May.

The number of men to be called in
the first increment has not yet been
determined because the question of
housing them has not been disposed
of. There will be room for some of
them in camps and cantonments now
occupied by troops and it is possible
that some of the National Guard
camps may be used during the period.

Three Divorces Granted.

Three divorce decrees were granted
this morning by Judge Van Swearingen,
all on grounds of cruel treat-
ment. They were Minnie Lytle against
Earl Lytle, Maud Nabers against Har-
ry M. Nabors, and Rosalie Deho
against Antonio Deho.

Sherick Enlists.

W. D. Sherick enlisted in the mo-
tor mechanics branch of the service
and left today for Columbus, O.

Departure of Two Local Con-
tingents Marked By Large-
est Parade Yet.

THOUSANDS IN CRUSH

Little Delay is Encountered in Get-
ting the Youthful Soldiers on Their
Way to War; Red Cross Provides
Them With Comfort Outfits.

The fifth increment of men from
Connellsville and vicinity, Districts
Nos. 2 and 5, were given a sendoff
Saturday night that will linger long in
their minds. The crowd which gath-
ered at the Baltimore & Ohio station
packed the platform for almost an
hour, there being probably 5,000 per-
sons out to witness the departure of
the draftees, 7 men from District No.
2 and 28 from District No. 5.

The soldiers were escorted to the
train in a parade which stretched for
several blocks. The various organiza-
tions were lined up at Washington
avenue and South Pittsburgh street and
a few minutes after 6 o'clock the
parade, headed by the Connellsville
Military Band, marched to the station.
The draftee special arrived on time
but the men were not able to, get
aboard until a passenger train on the
westbound track pulled out. There
was plenty of room on the train for all
the men with several empty cars at-
tached to the rear, provided for in-
crements from Rockwood and Meyers-
dale. The special did not leave until
after 7 o'clock.

Everyone of the 37 men called by
the local board for District No. 2
answered both the morning and after-
noon roll calls. In District 5, 28 men
answered the roll call. Only one man
failed to show up and the members of
the board think he did not receive his
notice.

The baggage of the draftees was
hailed to the station on the fire truck,
which brought up

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Edna Rabekah Lodge of Odd Fellows will meet Wednesday evening in Odd Fellows' hall.

The C. L. Girls will meet Friday evening at the home of Miss Elizabeth Schenck at South Conneltsville.

Mrs. Charles Mort and Miss Katherine O'Neil entertained friends at their home at 1012 Vine street, Friday evening in honor of Mr. Otto who left for the States for Camp Lee Saturday evening. Ten persons were invited, and the home of Mrs. Mort in East Conneltsville was presented with a comfort kit.

The Women's Union of the Christian church will this week begin a systematic campaign having for its object, paying a visit to every member of the congregation. This will continue for the next 10 days and will conclude with a winter picnic in the church on Wednesday of next week, to which members are invited to come, bringing well filled baskets with them.

The Grand International Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers will meet Wednesday afternoon in Odd Fellows' hall. All members are invited.

The Ladies' Circle No. 100 to the William P. Kirtz Post No. 104 Grand Army of the Republic will meet Thursday afternoon in Odd Fellows' hall. A large attendance of members is desired.

The L. C. B. A. will meet Wednesday night in the Parochial school auditorium.

The Kait and Win Unit of the Charleston Comforts Branch of the Navy League will meet tonight at the home of Mrs. Harry Reagan in Eighth street, Greenwood.

Mrs. W. K. Allen will entertain the Silver Trimble club Wednesday at her home in Vine street.

The W. W. Pickett class of the Methodist Protestant Sunday school will meet Thursday night at the home of Mrs. Rockwell Marietta in East Crawford avenue. All members are invited.

The regular business meeting of the Daughters of Isabella will be held tomorrow night in the Parochial school auditorium.

A new time patriotic concert and an old time singing concert will be held tomorrow night in the high school auditorium. All are invited.

Mrs. George Blair will entertain the M. & S. Fancypark club Wednesday afternoon at her home in Eighth street, West Side.

Miss Grace Rankin will entertain the T. C. T. Fancypark club tomorrow evening at the home of Misses Elizabeth and Clara Patterson in West Morton avenue.

Extensive plans are being made for a bazaar, knitting tea to be held Saturday afternoon at the armory by the Phillips Freeman Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. The proceeds are for the benefit of the Red Cross and it is hoped that quite a large sum will be realized. The admission is twenty-five cents. The party will begin at 2 o'clock and the afternoon will be spent at knitting. All who attend are asked to bring a cup, spoon and sugar.

An important meeting of the executive committee of the B. Y. P. U. of the First Baptist church will be held Wednesday night at the close of the regular prayer services.

The Young Women's Mission Guild of the First Baptist church will meet tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock in the church. The election of officers, followed by a social meeting, will take place. The regular meeting of the Women's Missionary Circle will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the church. All women of the congregation are invited.

Two new names, Harold Boyd and Carl Kerr, who left Saturday night for Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va., have been added to the honor roll of the First Baptist church.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Trinity Lutheran church will meet Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Edward Baer No. 102 Vine street.

The annual concert of the Sunday school orchestra of the First Methodist Episcopal church will be given Tuesday evening, March 5, in the church under the direction of Frank Hardy of Scotland.

Dr. C. E. Wilbur, editor of the Sunday School periodicals of the Methodist Protestant church gave a splendid illustrated lecture on Japan, at the

annual thank offering services of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist Protestant church held last evening in the church. The slides were among the finest ever seen here. They were made in Japan and were beautifully colored.

Women of Smithfield will register for war service Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock. Miss Perie Abrams will be in charge and every woman in the town is urged to appear with the United States government for duty whenever the call may come.

The weekly meeting of the Business Women's Christian Association will be held Thursday night in the association rooms in Odd Fellows temple, South Pittsburgh street. The business women will meet tonight at the Red Cross headquarters to sew.

The Outlook club is meeting this afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. J. Thompson in East Cedar avenue.

Mrs. C. C. Bittner will entertain the Busy Twelve club Friday night at her home in Ninth street, Greenwood.

Friendship Temple Pythian Sisters No. 25 will meet Thursday afternoon in Odd Fellows' hall.

A musical event of interest is the annual concert of the F. O. M. class of the Methodist Protestant church to be held Friday night in the church. The proceeds are for the benefit of the new Sunday school fund. An interesting program has been arranged.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Schenck will entertain the IXth club Thursday evening at their home in South Pittsburgh street.

The Zionists Culture club has arranged for a benefit dance in Macomber hall tonight from 8:30 to 12 o'clock.

PERSONALS

Miss Nannie Williams is confined to her South Pittsburgh street home with a complication of ailments. "Uncle Sam" is not furnishing you with that new spring suit you had better let me make you one. Dave Condon, Tallon-Adv.

Richard Robson was home from Pittsburgh over Sunday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Robson of the West Side.

The best place to shop after all Brownell Shaw Co.-Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Coll, of Pittsburgh, are guests of Dr. and Mrs. Hugh Coll of North Pittsburgh street.

Miss Anne White was the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. E. Umbel of Uniontown yesterday.

For the best and cheapest repairs on that roof, conductor or spouting, see P. T. Evans Estate.-Adv.

T. Scott Dunn returned to Philadelphia yesterday after spending a few days here. He reports that Mrs. Dunn who is ill is getting along nicely and will return home as soon as she is able to stand the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Porter and baby and Mrs. and Mr. Donald Porter of Scotland, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Percy of West Peach street, yesterday.

Mrs. J. L. Cochran and daughter, Mary Catherine, were guests of the former's mother, Mrs. Eli Hudson of Dawson yesterday.

Attorney Harry Rush of Uniontown was in town this morning on his return from Dawson, where he spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Anna Rush.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Buckingham and children of McKeesport, returned here yesterday and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Truitt of East Green street.

Mrs. A. W. Hart of the West Side returned home from a visit with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Poling of Pittsburgh.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Craft of North Pittsburgh street have returned home from a visit at Chattanooga, Tenn., Atlanta, Ga., and Camp McClellan, Ala. At Camp McClellan they visited Mrs. Craft's brother, Lieutenant W. E. Allen.

Mrs. William Cookus of Hazelwood is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Craft of North Pittsburgh street.

Mrs. W. E. Rice returned to St. Petersburg, Fla., where she is spending the winter. Saturday, after a few days' stay at her home here.

Joseph G. Rendine of Canonsburg has returned home after a visit with his mother, Mrs. Josephine Rendine of Carnegie Avenue.

Office U. P. Cobough of Pittsburgh, formerly principal of the high school here, was in the city over Saturday.

G. F. Critchfield returned to Columbus, O., after spending the week-end at his home here.

Miss Max King is visiting relatives at Dawson today.

J. P. Butte of the West Side will leave tonight for Aurora, Ill., to visit relatives and look after business matters. Mrs. Butte has been visiting there for the past few days.

W. P. Clark was at Dawson on business today.

D. M. Scott and son, Sinclair, of Welland, Ontario, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Scott's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Sinclair, North Pittsburgh street.

Mrs. H. K. Sease has returned to her home in Pittsburgh after a visit with Mrs. Charles Mort of Crawford avenue.

Read the advertisements.

Resigns Position. A. Huxar has resigned his position with the Semet-Solvay company at Dunbar to accept a similar position at the company plant in Kentucky.

EARL RUSSELL TELLS OF LIFE IN FRANCE IN LETTER TO MOTHER

Connellsville Boy Member of Orchestra and Would Join Regimental Band.

Interesting sidelights on life in France with the 15th Engineers are given by Earl Russell, of Connellsville in a letter to his mother, Mrs. E. S. Russell of Cincinnati, a part of which appears below:

"This was Sunday and I have just returned from church, held in the Y. M. C. A. It was the second service that I have been able to attend since leaving the States. I was one of an orchestra of four that furnished music for the occasion. We have violin, guitar, mandolin and banjo. As long as we stay in our present location I am going to attend every Sunday. We will have a piano next Sunday and are going to organize an orchestra. Our regiment is going to organize a band. I have made application for a place as alto player. I hope that I make it."

"I have taken out \$10,000 worth of insurance, made payable to Mrs. Harriet A. Russell. No doubt you are already familiar with the way it is to be paid in monthly installments for a period of years. I think it is a great thing at a very cheap rate. The \$10,000 costs me \$6.75 per month."

"We are going to have a football game this afternoon. The weather the past few days has been ideal."

"We moved since I mentioned about candle light. In our new location we have things more convenient—electric lights, hot water and a sawmill to cut our wood. But just when we got comfortably settled we are moved. One of our boys rigged up the hot water system. It surely is fine and saves much work."

"You know now that I received the first sweater O. K. also wristlets, helmet and most everything else."

"I have been trying to locate Neil for the past two months but so far have not been successful. It takes time. So far I have not met any one I knew before the war."

In a letter written on January 18 Earl expresses deep satisfaction at having become a member of the Fifteenth Engineers. "We surely have a dandy crowd of fellows," he says. At the time the letter was written the weather was very spring-like and also conditions under foot were very muddy. Earl writes that the packages that friends have sent him have been coming regularly. "I am very well fixed for almost everything," he continues. "I have enough tobacco to last me until next summer."

RESUME OPERATION

McIntosh Coal Company Starts After Cold Weather Shutdown.

The McIntosh Coal company has resumed operations at its mines in the Indian Creek Valley above Davisstown. The mines have been shut down several weeks on account of the cold weather.

The coal company has material for several hundred houses at the lower part of the valley and work on getting the buildings ready for employees of the mining company will soon begin.

FINGER AMPUTATED.

Adelaide Man is Admitted to Hospital for Treatment.

Four new patients are at the Cottage State hospital. Frank Leonard, employed in the mines at Adelaide, had the middle finger on his right hand amputated as the result of an infection.

Glenn Toothman, an employee of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad while working near the Sand Patch tunnel was struck on the head with a stone. Mrs. Nora Grimm and Mrs. D. Assey were admitted for operations.

LEG IS BROKEN.

Orvin Bryner Fractures Limb in Climbing Fence.

Orval Bryner, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Bryner of East Crawford avenue, suffered a simple fracture of the right leg below the knee, Saturday night when climbing over a fence near his home. His foot caught at the top of the fence so he jumped causing the bone to snap.

He was helped to his home by a playmate and a physician was called to reset the bone. He is resting easily today.

Home From the East.

Miss Ruth Keeter, milliner for the Wright-Meuser company, has returned home from New York, where she assisted Miss Harriet Ridgeway manager of the millinery departments of the local and Uniontown stores, in buying spring and summer millinery.

Resigns Position.

Miss Esther Towrey, who has been employed in the office of Wright-Meuser company has tendered her resignation to take effect Saturday. Monday she will become bookkeeper for the Frisbee Hardware company.

Back on Duty.

Following a month's illness of grip Miss Blanche Rubo, assistant chief operator for the Tri-State Telephone company, was able to return to work today.

Chimney Catches Fire.

A chimney at the home of John Perren, West Peach street caught fire yesterday afternoon. No damage was done.

When You Want Anything

Advertise in our Classified Column. Patronize those who advertise.

SORE THROAT

or Tonsillitis—gargle with warm salt water then apply.

VICK'S VAPORUB

TWENTY PER CENT SUBSTITUTE WAR BREAD IS HERE

Continued from Page One. into a feeling that bread is becoming cheaper.

Local bakers are all using the substitute today in the 20 per cent mixture. At Kramp's bakery barley and corn flour are being mixed. The bread is somewhat darker than usual. Mr. Kramp stated this morning that he had enough barley and corn flour to last for about a month, at the end of which time he expects to secure some rice and potato flour. He has been mixing barley flour for the past month.

At Templeton's the full 20 per cent mixture was used for the first time today. Mr. Templeton said he did not have a good supply on hand but had orders in at two different places. Corn flour is being used in the mixture today. "Rice flour is what I want," said Mr. Templeton. "I am trying to keep away from the dark bread because some people think it has a bad taste whether it does or not."

APPEAL IS DISMISSED

Coal Company Held Liable for Injury to Evans Station Boy.

Judge J. Q. Van Swearingen in an order handed down this morning, dismissed an appeal from the award of the Workmen's Compensation Board and sustained the award in the case of Alvin Chisler against the Evans Coal & Coke company. The plaintiff is a boy not yet of age, employed about the upple of the defendant company. He was sent by the upple boss to the latter's home not far away to get his dinner bucket.

While returning, the lad was struck by an engine and seriously injured. The question at issue was whether or not, at the time he was hurt, the boy was acting in the line of his employment by the company or was simply on a personal errand for the upple boss. The referee to whom the case was referred, under the understanding act, made an award in favor of the plaintiff and the defendant appealed.

JESSE GOSWICK IN JAIL

But Effort Will Be Made to Secure Release of Slayer.

Jesse Goswick, of Arbrust, who shot and fatally wounded his father Jack Goswick of New Stanton, formerly of Pennsylvania, went to the office of District Attorney Nevin A. Cort in Greensburg early Saturday morning and surrendered. Paul L. Felthouser, Westmoreland county detective, made an information, charging the young man with the murder. Goswick waived a hearing and was committed to jail for a habeas corpus hearing this week.

Following the shooting young Goswick was committed to jail by the state police. He gave bail last Monday, pending the outcome of the injuries of his father. Jack Goswick died Friday night in the Westmoreland hospital, Greensburg, of meningitis caused by the revolver shot wound in the back of his head.

MINSTREL BENEFIT \$350

Dawson Folks Realize Handsomely For the Red Cross.

The proceeds from the minstrel presented Friday and Saturday nights in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium at Dickerson Run for the benefit of the Dawson Red Cross, were about \$350. Both performances were witnessed by large and appreciative audiences, and every number on the entertaining program was greatly enjoyed. Miss Mary McConnell sang patriotic songs in a very delightful manner, while Miss Alverda Snyder, accompanist for all the song numbers, displayed ability as a musician.

The minstrel will be presented Saturday night at Star Junction for the benefit of the Red Cross auxiliary there.

PLAY FOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

Phy-Mo-Me and Mt. Pleasant Superiors Begin Series Tonight.

The Phy-Mo-Me basketball team of Scotland will play the first of a series of three games with the Mount Pleasant Superiors tonight at the armory at Mount Pleasant, for the championship of Fayette and Westmoreland counties.

A keen rivalry exists between the two five and eight to the limit. The second game of the series will be played at the Scotland Y. M. C. A.

Rob O'Connor in Camp.

Robert O'Connor, son of Patrick O'Connor of Hazelwood, formerly of Connellsville, passed through here last night with the draftees from Pittsburgh and vicinity on their way to Camp Lee. Young O'Connor is a nephew of Frank O'Connor of East Crawford avenue and of Bernard O'Connor of the West Side.

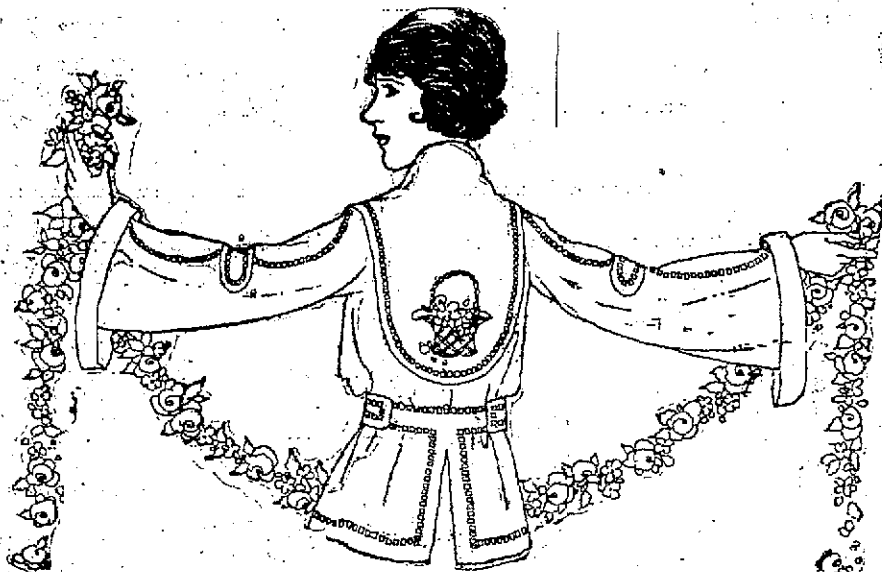
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Then you need a winter tonic to keep up your blood-strength and nerve-force. For nearly fifty years physicians have prescribed

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ANNOUNCING

Waists for the Spring of 1918

Our waist stock is about complete and the assortments are large and the sizes are not broken and everything is ready to start the Spring season of 1918 with a whirl.

Dunn's waists are the best waists you can buy and Dunn's prices on waists are the lowest. That's why we lead in the waist business in Connellsville.

We cordially invite you to inspect our line of waists for the coming season.

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Butterick Patterns

The Grim Reaper

ELI F. SHALLENBERGER.

ELI F. Shallenberger, 75 years old, died yesterday afternoon at his home in South Brownsville, following an illness of complication of diseases. Funeral tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence in Water street, with Rev. J. M. Betts, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, officiating. Interment in Bridgeport cemetery. Mr. Shallenberger was born in Dunbar township, April 26, 1843. When a young man he went to Missouri, but later returned to Brownsville. At the age of 15 years he enlisted in the Union army, four of his brothers being in the same army. One of them was killed at the battle of Pittsburg Landing. Eli F. Shallenberger was taken prisoner and spent 295 days in the Andersonville prison. He was a member of Company C of the 36th Regiment. For a number of years Mr. Shallenberger was in the employ of the government. Later as a contractor and a builder he constructed many of the large warehouses in the section of Brownsville.

He married Miss Hannah J. Booth, and on January 11, 1916, Mr. and Mrs. Shallenberger celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Deceased is survived by his widow, the following children, Mrs. R. R. Bulger, Miss Nora Shallenberger, Miss Sarah Shallenberger, Mrs. Mary Craft, Walter F. and Lee W., and Lou B., all of South Brownsville; one brother, James A. Shallenberger and seven grandchildren.

MUST RETURN MONEY

Unusual Case is Decided in Court Today by Judge Van Swearingen.

Bequeathing \$2,500 to a friend on the eve of a serious surgical operation, placing the money in the hands of another, from which she later attempted to recover it, figured in a most unusual case decided today by Judge J. Q. Van Swearingen. Belinda Conn of Point Marion, the plaintiff in the action on November 23, 1915, decided to leave \$2,500 to a woman friend, whom she had taken from the Children's Aid Society when a child and raised to womanhood, but who is now living in New Jersey.

MRS. RACHEL A. JOHNSON.

Following an illness of pneumonia, Mrs. Rachel A. Johnson, 73 years old, widow of Elijah Johnson, died Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at her home at Vanderbilt. Funeral tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Presbyterian church, with Rev. D. C. White, the pastor, and Rev. J. E. Kiddwell, pastor of the Christian church at Vanderbilt, officiating.

DANIEL M. CARR.

Daniel M. Carr, 80 years old, died Saturday at Mount Washington, Pa. Funeral services were held this afternoon from the Baptist church at Flatwoods.

MICHAEL WHALEN.

Funeral services for Michael Whalen, who died Friday at his home at Leisenring No. 2, were held yesterday morning at 9 o'clock from St. Vincent de Paul's Catholic church at Leisenring No. 1. Requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Canova. Interment in St. Vincent de Paul's cemetery. Mr. Whalen was 74 years old.

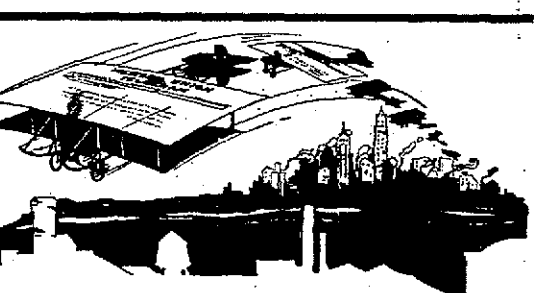
ROBE IS STOLEN.

New Speedometer is Also Missing From South Sider's Car.

A valuable robe was stolen from the hood of Harry L. Carpenter's car last evening between 6:30 and 7:30 o'clock while the car was standing in front of the Carpenter residence. A new speedometer that had not yet been attached was also taken.

Concert for Draftees.

James T. Bell was honor guest at a band concert and supper Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tilden Bell at Monarch, given in honor of his departure with the draftees Saturday evening. The hostess was assisted in serving by Miss Elizabeth Restley. Solos were rendered by E. Robert Crawford of Sewickley; Miss Beulah Fuiks of Homestead and Edward Connelly of Monaca. Bell was one of the first men of the Leisenring band to leave for camp.



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A Pa. Woman's Experience.

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mother caught a heavy cold her first baby was six months old doctor'd quite awhile but did not get any better. She came to an evening and wanted me to go with her to see another doctor. So we took a taxi and went to see a doctor. He was a very good doctor, but he didn't know what to do. He said, 'Well, the doctors don't always everything.' Don't take the Cod Oil. Come, we will go to the drug store and get Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and take that. I'll bet before take six bottles you can go to those doctors who are worth a dozen people, and before she had finished second bottle she was rid of that mess through her lungs and did not but very little. After she had taken that six bottles she was a well woman. But if she ever got a cold the 'Dixie' was all she needed. She was never tr with her lungs afterward."—Mrs. Mrs. Lowmes, 414 1/2 Bartram Ave.



KNIT NEW ARTICLES

Miss Marguerite Rush of Dawson Makes Extra Gifts for Soldiers.

Miss Marguerite Rush of Dawson was the first person at that place to knit, the admiral belt and knee protector, which have been added to the list of articles supplied to the draftees leaving from there. The first set knitted was given to her brother, W. H. Rush, who left Saturday night for Camp Lee.

The other set has been sent to a soldier in France. The Dawson knitters, who always provide the draftees leaving there with a knitted outfit, have added the two articles to the helmet, socks, wristlets and sweaters.

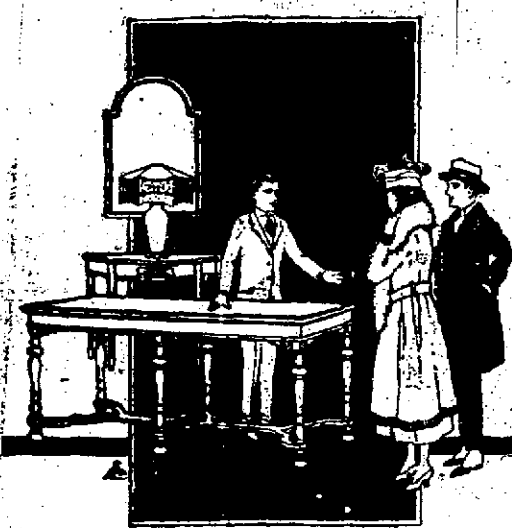
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Now for the final windup

ARON'S FEBRUARY FURNITURE SALE

Thursday, Feb. 28th, is the Last Day

Hurry! Hurry! Hurry! You'll have to hurry—if you want to buy the reliable, dependable, high-quality Aaron Furniture, Rugs, Carpets, Stoves and Housefurnishings at the 10% to 33% savings. *Prices now are low—lower perhaps than they'll ever be.* Come in now—every article you buy is backed up by Aaron's "satisfaction guarantee"—convenient credit terms can be arranged, if desired—goods held for future delivery. If you don't do another thing be sure to, at least come in and see these remarkable values. You're always welcome at Aaron's.

This \$27.00 Bed Complete with Spring and Mattress. February Sale Price..... 18.50

This iron bed has 2 inch continuous posts and is fitted with 10 full 1-inch fillers. The enamel is baked on giving it the appearance of porcelain. Ball-bearing casters. Cotton top mattress and sag-proof spring complete the outfit.

This \$37.50 Porcelain Top Kitchen Cabinet..... \$24.75

Every woman will be delighted with the Porcelain table top. Just think of it—a table that cannot absorb grease or dirt; that is thoroughly clean even though judged by the most rigid modern standards.

RUGS

Second Floor

SAVINGS FROM 10% TO 33%.

Our Big Second Floor Rug Department has been a mighty busy place during this February Sale Period. And there's a reason—Rugs, Carpets and Linoleums of the highest quality in many different designs and patterns are offered now at great savings.

Don't Miss These Brass Bed Specials

This \$20.00 Brass Bed February Sale Price..... \$11.75

Has 2 inch Colonial posts—an exceptionally large value.

Regular \$25.00 Brass Bed, February Sale Price..... \$14.75

This bed is made with heavy tubular rods at the head and foot and has extra large posts and fillers.

Regular \$35.00 Brass Bed, February Sale Price..... \$19.75

This bed is made with 2 inch continuous tubing and ten one-inch fillers. The most attractive bed ever offered at the price.

Considering the present high cost of Brass, the Sale prices on these Beds make them values really unheard of before. Be sure and see them.

Why not come in now and let us demonstrate this wonderful HOOSIER KITCHEN CABINET

—the Kitchen Cabinet that saves food, time, steps and labor. You sit instead of stand—you reach instead of walk. See for yourself why Hoosier is used in over a million homes today—and why Hoosier is the only cabinet for YOUR home. Prices go up March 1st—so you'd better come in now.

This \$24.00 Colonial Library Table, February Sale Price..... \$14.75

Have You Seen the New Process Gas Range?

The February Sale prices on these Ranges are even lower than the present wholesale costs because we contracted for these stoves over a year and a half ago. When this lot is sold we'll be forced to raise our prices—so we strongly advise that you come in now if you need a new Gas Range.

This \$210 Four-Piece Queen Anne Bedroom Suite in American Walnut 152.00

This \$60.00 extra large Bureau..... \$42.50
This \$55.00 large Chiffonette..... \$40.00
This \$55.00 Bed (full size)..... \$40.00
This \$40.00 triple mirror Toilet Table..... \$29.50

All four pieces are just as pictured. While this is one of the most artistic reproductions from this very popular period, yet its construction is of the best and it is very substantially built.

Remarkable Values in Dining Room Tables

This \$18.00 Solid Oak, 6 ft. Extension Table with patent locking device..... \$11.75

This \$25.00 Solid Oak Extension Table, 45 inch top space..... \$18.75

This \$50.00 Genuine Quarter Sawn Oak 54 inch Extension Table, plank top..... \$34.50

These are all beautiful Tables, extremely well made and very highly polished. The addition of one of these Tables to your dining room will add much to the pleasure of welcoming your friends to your home.

This \$220 Four-Piece Queen Anne Dining Room Suite, American Walnut 139.75

This \$90.00 Buffet..... \$54.50
This \$60.00 China Closet..... \$40.00
This \$45.00 Extension Table..... \$29.50
This \$25.00 Server..... \$15.75

Chairs to match this Suite can be purchased extra.

This \$150 Four-Piece William & Mary Quarter Sawn Oak Dining Room Suite 99.50

This \$52.50 extra large Buffet..... \$36.75
This \$40.00 extra large China Closet..... \$26.50
This \$37.50 extra large Extension Table..... \$23.50
This \$20.00 Serving Table..... \$12.75

Chairs to match can be purchased separately.

See This Nationally Advertised Kroehler Bed Davenport!

A Regular \$45.00 Value—February Sale Price 27.50

Solid oak frames covered with guaranteed black imitation leather. Makes a full size Bed when open and gives you a full size sofa by day.

This \$375.00 Avondale Four-Room Outfit. February Sale Price..... 275.00

The "Avondale" will fill every requirement because it is complete. Every necessary article to furnish four complete rooms is included.

STATE CONTROL OF INDUSTRY MAY PASS WITH END OF THE WAR

But We Cannot be Very Confident on This Matter as the Public's Appetite Has Been Whetted.

We cannot be so very confident that the war-time experiments in state control of industry will turn out to have whetted the people's appetite for fresh experiments of the sort on re-

turn of peace, says Alexander Dana Noyes in Scribners. Regarding the present attitude in England, the London Economist lately made this comment:

"In the minds both of employers and of workmen there is growing up a profound dislike of all government interference, and a not less profound determination to get quit of it at the first opportunity. The old demand of Socialist orators that the government should nationalize this, that, and the other is moribund, if not dead. What all classes now want, and want so

badly that their hearts ache for it, is to complete the war in a manner satisfactory to the Allies, and to get rid of the government control of industry."

If this is any fair picture of public opinion in England, the probability of similar revision of feeling among our own highly individualist people would be reasonably strong. Generalizations are not altogether safe in the present abnormal circumstances, and no doubt it is possible that organized labor, which in England has pre-

viously had its way regarding wages under government control, would favor permanent state operation for that reason. But this, like most other present-day predictions, has the weakness of dealing with surrounding conditions whose character can only dimly be foreseen. It is the remark of an eminent writer on political problems that, whatever else happens after return of peace, the one certainty is that the United States will emerge from the war the most conservative, in its political and industrial instincts, of the great communities of the world.

Confluence.

CONFLUENCE, Feb. 23.—Louis Reynolds son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Reynolds of this place who is in Mercy hospital, Pittsburg, following an operation for appendicitis is improving nicely and will soon be able to return to his home here.

Wilbur Davis has returned from Cleveland, O., with two new cars.

Mrs. Fred Koontz is still improving from a recent severe operation in Frantz hospital.

Amos Humbert of Pittsburg was among those who attended the funeral of Mrs. Harriet Hanson here yesterday.

Alvin Burnworth, the constable, was in Obiopolis on business yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Bowlin have returned to their home in Burgettstown, Pa., after being here attending the funeral of Mrs. Harriet Hanson.

Mrs. Wm. Boor was shopping and visiting friends in Connelville yesterday.

Mrs. Ida Conaty the milliner has returned from a several days' visit in

Pittsburg attending the millinery opening.

B. S. McNitt cashier of the First National Bank of Fairchance, was a business visitor here yesterday.

Patrolize those who advertise.

Mrs. Kate Hall says: "I have kept house 15 years, am the mother of four children, and I would not keep house without Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea." "Wise Woman, why?" "Drives away sickness, brings health and happiness to the whole family." Connelville Drug Co.—Adv.

DRAFTEES DINED AT SCOTSDALE BY THE ELKS LODGE

Elaborate Affair Arranged for the Young Men Who Left Sunday.

CURTIS H. GREGG IS SPEAKER

People of Town and Community Are Called Upon to Mellow the Memory of Thomas A. Llewellyn; Cousin of Tascania Victim Goes to Camp Lee.

Special to The Courier.
SCOTSDALE, Feb. 25.—Saturday evening at the Elks' club here the draftees who left for Camp Lee yesterday were given a farewell banquet. The tables filled the entire room, the center being for the table were the members of the board, the speakers and the invited guests. Edward Kennedy was toastmaster. Former Congressman Curtis H. Gregg was the speaker of the occasion. M. J. Welsh, a Spanish American war veteran, delivered an address that stirred every man present. Berkey H. Boyd, chairman of District No. 7, which includes this district, responded. He asked that every man present, the members of the lodge, the people of Scottdale and of Westmoreland county remember Thomas Llewellyn, the first Scottdale boy to lay down his life for the cause of democracy. The young man's cousin, Charles Llewellyn, left yesterday's draftees, very proudly taking up where Thomas left off, so that some one may be in the fight to avenge. James Keegan gave a patriotic talk.

Scottdale Boys Leave.
Yesterday afternoon amid a downpour of rain the drafted men from Scottdale left the Y. M. C. A. where they had assembled headed by the G. A. R. band. Great crowds stood along the street to cheer the boys as they marched down the street. When they boarded a special car on Broadway, the G. A. R. band played "Goodbye Broadway, Hello France," making very impressive the leaving of the boys. The local boys in the contingent were Henry Loetzler, Wendell Jennings Mowyer, Theodore E. Demerut, Eldwin George Daugherty, Harry Reginald Humphreys, Charles Boyd Graft, Albert Taylor Henne, Charles A. Llewellyn, Walter Horn Lockard of Scottdale; Clark Philip Stoner of Ruffsale; Joseph Romecki and Walter James Burns, Mount Pleasant, R. D.

Patrons' Day.
Misses Shirley and Shupe, who teach at the White school observed Patrons' Day on Friday. The students gave a George Washington play that was very much appreciated by those who attended.

Use Substitutes or Quail.
James Keegan, representative for the Food Administration in Everson borough, Bullskin and Upper Tyrone townships, has received word that beginning today all bakers who cannot substitute must close down. He has also received notice that it is very careful investigation it is found that no substitutes are available, potatoes may be used.

Personal.
Mrs. John Hawthorne and daughter, Dorothy, and son, John, spent Sunday with Mrs. Joe Marshall at Broad Ford. Robert Percy spent Saturday in Pittsburgh.

Miss Ethel Kromer has returned home from a visit in Pittsburgh.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Small and family have returned from a visit, paid Leeburg friends.

W. D. Wardlaw, a student at the University of Pittsburgh, is home for the week-end.

Miss Clara Lane has returned home after spending three weeks in Switzerland with her aunt, Mrs. James Durkin.

Ray Myers of Youngstown, Ohio, is home visiting his family for a few days.

At the Theatres

THE PARADISE.

"DAYBREAK"—A five part Metro attraction in which Emily Stevens, the talented star, appears in the leading role, is being presented today. Far removed from the stories of unusual adventures comes the gripping drama of home, carrying its message straight to the hearts of many. Wives everywhere have found themselves in the same predicament as Edith Frome, the heroine of "Daybreak," whose husband through drink has become dead to all thoughts of honor, Arthur Frome a successful financier, after promising to abstain from drink, indulges too freely, and pushes a newsboy under and automobile and is badly injured. Her faith shaken Edith leaves him, but a few years later is persuaded to return but gives no account of her absence. Frome, suspicious of the time she spends away from home, has her shadowed by the wife of whom he discovers to be a thief. The girl reports that Edith and Dr. Brett, a friend of the family, are visiting a house where there is a baby. When the baby is taken ill Dr. Brett

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THE SOISSON.

"THE CHRISTIAN"—The long promised presentation of Hall Cain's superlative play "The Christian" will be the attraction at the Soisson theater for three days commencing with the matinee this afternoon. It is with no little pride that Mrs. Robbins makes the announcement for plays of this calibre are very rarely seen in the smaller cities. The preparation of "The Christian" has been going on busily for a week and a magnificent production is assured. There are seventeen speaking parts in the play and there will be a large corps of extra people in several of the stirring scenes. I am of the opinion says Mrs. Robbins that I am giving the biggest theatrical bargain of the year to my patrons. I shall have an enlarged orchestra to interpret the special musical features. During the final two weeks of the Manhattan Players stay at the Soisson other big attractions will be the rule including the epicomic farce comedy, "Breaking Into Society" with Mr. Bedell in a part that shows him to even better advantage than in "Mr. Kearney From Kilbuck." "Lena Rivers" with Dorothy Burris as the mischievous heroine will also be seen. It will also be a brand new comedy drama by "By Order of the Court," written by the author of "Pretty Peggy O'More." Mr. W. C. Herman. One may always feel certain of seeing a good play capable presented any afternoon or evening at the Soisson theater. Thousands have the habit and each is a booster for the Manhattan Players.

"OFF TO THE FRONT."

Thousands of Connelville people will see the funny side of trouble this week, it being the occasion of the visit of Zarrow's Little Bluebird Company and a return visit of the 50 pounds of cheerfulness, Jack Fuquay. The show for today and tomorrow is a military travesty "Off to the Front," and since Jack is too little to go over the top with an Enfield, or lay the keel of a ship, but he is equal to a whole battery of 75s in dispelling gloom and keeping cheerful the men who are ready to and the women who stay at home and bear war's greatest burden worry. He was here in October with Zarrow's Zig Zag Town show. But don't get the impression that Jack is all show. Equally as great in her own way is Miss Lillian Ziegler a singing soubrette; Billy Fenton, the Irish tenor; Sneed and Clark, song and chatter; the Bluebird Trio, harmony and comedy; and the Bluebird Beauty chorus. Like all Zarrow's shows three complete sets of scenery are used for each bill, and each performance is a production lasting 50 minutes. Billie Burke will be on the screen.

ORPHEUM THEATER.

"JACK AND JILL"—Jack Pickford and Louise Huff are featured today in to marry his sweetheart, Jill. Jack is the story starts out with Jack Ramsey trying to get enough money together to marry his sweetheart, Jill. Jack is a prizefighter of some ability who is endeavoring to fight his way to success before he marries Jill. A real fight with a Mexican, during the course of the photoplay, adds to the tenseness of the action and manner in which he finally obtains Jill, thus consummating his happiness, forms one of the most interesting and exciting photoplays. "The Milk-Ped Vamp" a Wm. Fox sunshine comedy will also be shown. Tomorrow Sessue Hayakawa, the well known Japanese actor, will be shown in "The Call of the East." Wednesday, Tom Mix is featured in the Wm. Fox photoplay of the West "Cupid's Round Up." Thursday, William Russell appears in "In Bad."

GREAT CROWD SEES DRAFTEES LEAVE AT MOUNT PLEASANT

Red Cross of That Town Arranges for Another Ingathering of Articles Women Have Made.

MT. PLEASANT, Feb. 25.—On Saturday one of the largest crowds of people that has assembled to see draftees leave witnessed the departure of men from District No. 6. The men who left were: Harry L. Shirey, Latrobe R. D.; Joseph Varholt, Latrobe R. D.; James Frain, Latrobe R. D.; William J. Hoke, Mt. Pleasant; William Sandusky, Mt. Pleasant; Frank Grider, Mt. Pleasant; John K. Oliniski, Youngstown; Frank Roadman, Kregar; John Gruss, Hostettler; Lorenza Galt, Mt. Pleasant; Norison Nedrow, Mt. Pleasant; Conrad Miller, Latrobe R. D.; Edward O'Connor, Lemont; Homer Crouse, Mammoth; John Polynisky, Youngstown; Steve Shay, Hecla; Walter Shaulis, Jones Mill; Tra Aukerman, Latrobe R. D.; Charles Yerman, United, Milton Shearer, Greensburg R. D.; James Washbaugh, Mt. Pleasant; Charles Yahanak, Mt. Pleasant; Felix Rosely, Mt. Pleasant; Leo Noel, Latrobe R. D.; Harry N. Hays, Mt. Pleasant; Ernest Genhart, Mt. Pleasant; Joseph J. Suss, Latrobe and Jesse Oliniski, Mt. Pleasant.

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Purim

The Jewish feast of Purim, one of the major festivals in the religious calendar, will be celebrated this year on February 26. Purim according to the scriptural book of Esther, wherein the tale is narrated, means "lots," lots having been cast before Haman, vizier of Persia, for the purpose of determining the day most auspicious for the consummation of his plan of exterminating all the Jews dwelling in the land. But the day was fatal only to Haman's plans and to Haman himself, for through a chain of remarkable happenings the Jews were delivered from their imminent peril and the doom he had decreed for them fell on their enemy himself. From that year to the present time, Jews all over the world have celebrated the anniversary of the day on which the wondrous deliverance had occurred.

Strange to say, Purim is hardly a religious feast. Religious features added in comparatively recent times only accentuate the essentially secular character of the day. Being in the nature of a thanksgiving festival, an expression of a people's gratitude for their ancestors' providential redemption from an awful death, it has been from time immemorial a day of "feasting and gladness, and of sending portions to one another and gifts to the poor." In medieval ghettos it was celebrated with all manner of merry-making, while in modern times it has come to be one of the days to which the children of the Jewish religious schools most eagerly look forward.

A special synagogue service is held on the eve of Purim, at which the principal feature is the reading of the Book of Esther, from a parchment scroll. In addition, there are a few special prayers and hymns of more recent date which have been inspired by the recollection of the woes and hardships endured by the martyr race from the days of Haman down to brighter times. There have been many Hamans in all ages who have conspired the degradation or extermination of the Jews, but like their Persian prototype, their plots have recoiled on their own heads. And so the Jew looks forward to the day when Hamans shall rise no more, the specter of religious and racial hatred will be laid, and an era of tolerance and love dawn for all the world.

Supplies of the American Red Cross will be held in the Braddock building, Tuesday, March 6, 1918. The inspector of each unit will inspect the articles. Mrs. B. M. Loar, who has supervision of the work asks that the chairman and inspector of the committee of each unit not to allow anything to come into the Chapter's headquarters that does not come up to the specifications. With the cooperation of the units they hope for a perfect ingathering. A window display has been arranged at headquarters of the Red Cross at the Braddock in Main street, showing completed garments. The display is a very good one and is attracting much attention.

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Good Night Stories

By Samma Redgrave
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DICKY VISITS RED ANT CITY.

DICKY sat watching a crowd of the little black ants marching in and out of the little opening in the sand dune. "What I know about them was that they were doing it, and then something happened—Dickie grew very, very tired."

"A big red ant came running out of the sand pile and ran up to Dicky."

"Have you seen any coveys?" he asked excitedly.

"Coveys?" exclaimed Dicky. "My Daddy's coveys are in the meadow."

"Oh, no, you don't understand," laughed Red Ant. "I mean our ant coveys."

"At this Dicky couldn't help laughing."

"How could he help laughing?" he cried.

Several little black ants came running up and told Red Ant they had taken the coveys over to the bushes to feed.

Red Ant started for the rose bush and Dicky followed him.

At first the little black ants that stood guard on the branch, weren't going to let Dicky up, but Red Ant convinced them Dicky was a friend, so they let him pass.

There on the rose leaves sat hundreds of tiny green plants like little fellows themselves with the sweet juices that come from the rose leaf.

"Have You Seen Any Coveys?"

"These are our coveys," said Red Ant. "Well, I never heard of such a thing!"

"I could tell you a great deal about ant life that you've never heard about," replied Red Ant, and he invited Dicky back into the little sand pile city.

They black ants were building bridges over the cracks in the sidewalk. Others were making roadways, and some were building wonderful houses with underground storerooms. Several were carrying out bits of food and laying them on the ground.

"Our stores got wet when it rained, so the servants are spreading them out to dry," said Red Ant.

They went inside Red Ant's house and several black ants were carrying little baby red ants around, washing them to go for a walk in the sunshine.

"These are the nurses," said Red Ant. "Not long ago we captured a colony of black ants and took them prisoners of war. Their babies make the best slaves. Our branch of red ants doesn't like to work, so we have to have some one to do our work for us."

Just then a tiny black ant entered and carried Red Ant's son away and put him to bed. So Dicky said it was time to go home, and Red Ant led him up the sand tunnel into the sunshine.

All the way home Dicky was very careful not to step on the little sand houses, for he knew it only meant more work for the little black slaves, and Dicky felt very sorry for them. He wished there was an Ant Lincoln to set them free.

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Bingism—And Its Cure

Proves a Thriller for Penrod and Sam While It Lasts

By BOOTH TARKINGTON

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Penrod Schofield, having been "kept in" for the unjust period of twenty minutes after school, emerged to a deserted street. That is, the street was deserted so far as Penrod was concerned. Here and there people were to be seen upon the sidewalks, but they were adults, and they and the shade trees had about the same quality of significance in Penrod's consciousness. Usually he saw grown people in the mass, which is to say, they were virtually invisible to him, though exceptions must be taken in favor of policemen, firemen, street-car conductors, motor men and all other men in any sort of uniform or regalia. But this afternoon none of these met the roving eye, and Penrod set out upon his homeward way wholly dependent upon his own resources.

To one of Penrod's inner texture, a mere unadorned walk from one point to another was intolerable, and he had not gone a block without achieving some slight remedy for the tedium of life. An electric-light pole at the corner, invested with powers of observation, might have been surprised to find itself suddenly enacting a role of dubious honor in improvised melodrama. Penrod, approaching, gave the pole a look of sharp inspection, then one of conviction, slapped it lightly and contemptuously with his open hand; passed on a few paces, but turned abruptly and pointing his right forefinger, uttered the symbolic word, "Bing!"

Early childhood is not fastidious about the accessories of its drama—a cane is vividly a gun which may instantly, as vividly, become a horse; but at Penrod's time of life the lath sword is no longer satisfactory. Indeed, he now had a vague sense that weapons of wood were unworthy of the point of being contemptible and ridiculous, and he employed them only when he was alone and unseen. For months a yearning had grown more and more poignant in his veins, and this yearning was symbolized by one of his most profound secrets. In the inner pockets of his jacket he carried a bit of wood whittled into the distasteful likeness of a pistol, but not even Sam Williams had seen it. The wooden pistol never knew the light of day, save when Penrod was in solitude; and yet it never left his side except at night, when it was placed under his pillow. Still, it did not satisfy; it was but the token of his yearning, and his dream. With all his might and main Penrod longed for one thing beyond all others. He wanted a Real Pistol!

At this moment a shout was heard from the alley, "Yay, Penrod!" and the sandy head of comrad Sam Williams appeared above the fence.

"Come on over," said Penrod. As Sam obediently climbed the fence, the little old dog, Duke, moved slowly away, but presently, glancing over his shoulder and seeing the two boys standing together, he broke into a trot and disappeared round a corner of the house. He was a dog of long and enlightening experience, and he made it clear that the conjunction of Penrod and Sam portended events which, from his point of view, might be unfortunate. Duke had a forgiving disposition, but he also possessed a melancholy wisdom. In the company of either Penrod or Sam alone, affection often caused him to linger, albeit with a little pessimism, but when he saw them together, he invariably withdrew in an unobtrusive manner as haste would allow.

"What you want?" Sam asked. "Nothing." "What you?" "I'll show you if you come over to our house," said Sam, who was wearing an important and secretive expression.

"What for?" Penrod showed little interest. "Well, I said I'd show you if you came on over, didn't I?" "But you haven't got anything. I haven't got," said Penrod indifferently. "I know everything that's in your yard and in your stable, and there isn't a thing."

"I didn't say it was in the yard or in the stable, did I?" "Well, there ain't anything in your house," returned Penrod, frankly, "that I'd walk two feet to look at—not a thing!"

"Oh, no!" Sam assumed mockery. "Oh, no, you wouldn't! You know what it is, don't you? Yes, you do!" Penrod's curiosity stirred somewhat. "Well, all right," he said, "I got nothing to do. I just as soon go. What is it?"

"You wait and see," said Sam, as they climbed the fence. "I bet your eyes'll open pretty far in about a minute or so!"

"I bet they don't. It takes a good

deal to get me excited, unless it's something mighty."

"You'll see!" Sam promised. He opened an alloy gate and stepped into his own yard in a manner signaling caution—though the exploit, thus far, certainly required none—and Penrod began to be impressed and hopeful. They entered the house, silently, encountering no one, and Sam led the way upstairs, tipping, implying unusual and increasing peril. Tiptoeing in the upper hall, they went into Sam's father's bedroom, and Sam closed the door with a caution so genuine that already Penrod's eyes began to fulfill his host's prediction. Adventures in another boy's house are trying to the nerves; and another boy's father's bedroom, when invaded, has a violated sanctity that is almost appalling. Penrod, however, something much more important than he had anticipated.

Sam tiptoed across the room to a chest of drawers, and kneeling, carefully pulled out the lowest drawer until the surface of its contents—Mr. Williams' winter underwear—lay exposed. Then he fumbled beneath the garments and drew forth a large object, displaying it triumphantly to the satisfactorily dumfounded Penrod.

It was a blue-steel Colt's revolver, of the heaviest pattern made in the seventies. Mr. Williams had inherited it from Sam's grandfather (a small man, a deacon, a dyspeptic) and it was larger and more horrible than any revolver either of the boys had ever seen in any picture, moving or stationary. Moreover, greenish bullets, of great size were to be seen in the chambers of the cylinder, suggesting massacre rather than mere murder. This revolver was real and it was loaded!

Both boys lived breathlessly through a magnificent moment. "Leave me have it," gasped Penrod. "Leave me have hold of it!" "You wait a minute!" Sam protested, in a whisper. "I want to show you how I do it."

"No," you let me show you how I do it," Penrod insisted; and they scuffled for possession.

"Look out!" Sam whispered warningly. "It might go off." "Then you better leave me have it!" And Penrod victorious and flushed, stepped back, the weapon in his grasp. Here, he said, "this is the way I do it. You bet it cracks; and suppose you got a dagger, and I—"

"I don't want any dagger," Sam protested, advisingly. "I want that revolver. It's my father's revolver, ain't it?"

"Well, wait a minute, can't you? I got a right to show you the way I do it, haven't I?" Penrod began an improvisation on the spot. "Say I'm comin' along after dark like this—look, Sam!—and say you try to make a jump at me—"

"I won't!" Sam declared this role impatiently. "I guess it ain't your father's revolver, is it?" "Well, it may be your father's but it ain't yours," Penrod argued, becoming logical. "It ain't either of us revolvers, so I got as much right to it as you have."

"You haven't either. It's my father's!" "Watch, can't you—just a minute!" Penrod urged vehemently. "I'm not going to keep it, am I? You can have it when I get through, can't you? Here's how I do it: I'm comin' along after dark, just walkin' along this way—like this—look, Sam!"

Penrod, suiting the action to the word, walked to the other end of the room, swinging the revolver at his side with affected casualness.

"I'm just walkin' along like this, and first I don't see you," continued the actor. "Then I kind of get a notion something wrong's liable to happen, so I—"

"No!" "That isn't it. You wouldn't notice that I had my good old revolver with me. You wouldn't think I had one, because I'd be under my coat like this, and you wouldn't see it." Penrod stuck the muzzle of the pistol into the waistband of his knickerbockers at the left side and, buttoning his jacket, sustained the weapon in concealment by pressure of his elbow.

"So you think I haven't got any? You think I'm just a man comin' along, and so you—"

Sam advanced. "Well, you're mad, your turn," he said. "Now, it's mine. I'm going to show you how I—"

"Watch, me, can't you?" Penrod walked. "I haven't showed you how I do it, have I? My goodness! Can't you watch me a minute?"

"I have been! You said yourself it'd be my turn soon as you—"

"My goodness! Let me have a chance, can't you?" Penrod retreated to the wall, turning his right side toward Sam and keeping the revolver

still protected under his coat. "I got to have my turn first, haven't I?" "Well, yours is over long ago." "It isn't either! I—"

"Anyway," said Sam, decidedly, clutching him by the right shoulder and endeavoring to reach his left side—"anyway, I'm going to have it now."

"You said I could have my turn out!" Penrod, carried away by indignation, raised his voice.

"I did not!" Sam, likewise lost to caution, asserted his denial loudly. "You did, too."

"You said—"

"I never said anything!"

"You said—"

"Quit that!"

"Boys!" Mrs. Williams, Sam's mother, opened the door of the room and stood upon the threshold. The scuffling of Sam and Penrod ceased instantly, and they stood hushed and stricken, while fear fell upon them.

"Boys, you weren't quarrelling, were you?"

"Ma'am!" said Sam.

"Were you quarrelling with Penrod?"

"No, ma'am," answered Sam in a small voice.

"It sounded like it. What was the matter?"

Both boys returned her curious glance with meekness. They were summoning their faculties—which were needed. Indeed, these are the crises which prepare a boy for the business difficulties of his later life. Penrod, with the huge weapon beneath his jacket, insecurely supported by an elbow and by a waistband which he instinctively began to distrust, experienced distressful sensations similar to those of the owner of too heavily insured property carrying a gasoline can under his overcoat and detained for conversation by a policeman. And if in the coming years, it was to be Penrod's lot to find himself in that precise situation, no doubt he would be the better prepared for it on account of this present afternoon's experience under the scolding eye of Mrs. Williams. It should be added that Mrs. Williams' eye was awful to the imagination only. It was a gentle eye and but mildly curious, having no remote suspicion of the dreadful truth, for Sam had backed upon the chest of drawers and closed the damper open one with the calves of his legs.

Sam, not bearing the fatal evidence upon his person, was in a better state than Penrod, though when boys fall into the stillness now assumed by these two, it should be understood that they are suffering. Penrod, in fact, was the prey to apprehension so keen that the actual pit of his stomach was cold.

Being the actual custodian of the crime, he understood that his case was several degrees more serious than that of Sam, who, in the event of detection, would be convicted as only an accessory. It was a lesson, and Penrod already repented his selfishness in not allowing Sam to show how he did, first.

"You're sure you weren't quarrelling, Sam?" said Mrs. Williams.

"No, ma'am; we were just talking."

"I'm glad you weren't quarrelling," said Mrs. Williams, reassured by this reply, which though somewhat baffling, was thoroughly familiar to her ear. "Now, if you'll come downstairs, I'll give you each one cookie and no more, so your appetites won't be spoiled for your dinner."

She stood, evidently expecting them to precede her. To linger might renew vague suspicion, causing it to become more definite; and boys preserve themselves from moment to moment, not often attempting to secure the future. Consequently, the apprehensive Sam and the unfortunate Penrod (with the monstrous implement bulking against his ribs), walked out of the room and down the stairs, their countenances indicating an interior condition of solemnity. And a curious shade of behavior might have here interested a criminologist. Penrod endeavored to keep as close to Sam as possible, like a lonely person seeking company, while, on the other hand, Sam kept moving away from Penrod, seeming to desire an appearance of aloofness.

"Go into the library, boys," said Mrs. Williams, as the three reached the foot of the stairs. "I'll bring you your cookies. Papa's in there."

Under her eye they entered the library, and Sam, Williams, reading his evening paper, looked up pleasantly, but it seemed to Penrod that he saw an ominous and penetrating expression.

"What have you been up to, you boys?" inquired this enemy.

"Nothing," said Sam. "Different things."

"What like?"

"Oh—just different things."

Mr. Williams nodded; then his glance rested casually upon Penrod.

"What's the matter with your arm, Penrod?"

Penrod became paler, and Sam withdrew from him almost conspicuously.

"S'it?"

"Said, What's the matter with your arm?"

"Which one?" Penrod quavered.

"Your left. You seem to be holding it in an unnatural position. Have you hurt it?"

Penrod swallowed. "Yes, sir. A boy hit me—"

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"I Can't Pull the Trigger," Said Sam Indistinctly.

Mr. Williams murmured sympathetically: "That's too bad! Where did he bite you?"

"On the right on the elbow."

"Good gracious! Perhaps you ought to have it cauterized!"

"S'it?"

"Did you have a doctor look at it?"

"No, sir. My mother put some stuff from the drug store on it."

"Oh, I see. Probably it's all right, then."

"Yes, sir," Penrod drew breath more freely, and accepted the warm cookie Mrs. Williams brought him. He ate it without relish.

"Was it your own dog that bit you?" Mr. Williams inquired.

"S'it? No, sir. It wasn't Duke."

"Penrod!" Mrs. Williams exclaimed. "When did it happen?"

"I don't remember just when," he answered feebly. "I guess it was day before yesterday."

"Gracious! How did it—"

She was interrupted by the entrance of a middle-aged colored woman, "Miss Williams," she began, and then, as she caught sight of Penrod, she addressed him directly. "You ma telephoned if you here, send you home right away, 'cause they waitin' dinner on you."

"Run along, then," said Mrs. Williams, patting the visitor lightly upon his shoulder; and she accompanied him to the front door. "Tell your mother I'm so sorry about your getting bitten, and you must take good care of it, Penrod."

"Yes'm."

Penrod lingered helplessly outside the doorway, looking at Sam, who stood partially obscured in the hall, behind Mrs. Williams. Penrod's eyes, with a veiled anguish, conveyed a pleading for help as well as a horror of the position in which he found himself. Sam, however, pale and determined, seemed to have assumed a stony attitude of detachment, as if it were well understood between them that his own comparative innocence was established, and that whatever catastrophe ensued, Penrod had brought it on and must bear the brunt of it alone.

"Well, you'd better run along, since they're waiting for you at home," said Mrs. Williams, closing the door. "Good night, Penrod."

Ten minutes later Penrod took his place at his own dinner-table, somewhat breathless but with an expression of perfect composure.

"Can't you ever come home without being telephoned for?" demanded his father.

"Yes, sir," and Penrod added reproachfully, placing the blame upon members of Mr. Schofield's own class, "Sam's mother and father kept me, or I'd been home long ago. They would keep on talkin', and I guess I had to be polite, didn't I?"

His left arm was as free as his right; there was no dreadful bulk beneath his jacket, and at Penrod's age the future is too far away to be worried about. The difference between temporary security and permanent security is left for grown people. To Penrod, security was security, and before his dinner was half eaten his spirit had become fairly serene.

Nevertheless, when he entered the empty carriage-house of the stable, on his return from school the next afternoon, his expression was not altogether without apprehension, and he stood in the doorway looking well about him before he lifted a loosened plank in the flooring and took from beneath it the grand old weapon of the Williams family. Nor did his eye lighten with any pleasurable excitement as he sat

himself down in a shadowy corner and began some sketchy experiments with the mechanism. The allure of first sight was gone. In Mr. Williams' bedroom, with Sam clamoring for possession, it had seemed to Penrod that nothing in the world was so desirable as to have that revolver in his own hands—it was his dream come true. But, for reasons not definitely known to him, the charm had departed; he turned the cylinder gingerly, almost with distaste; and slowly there stole over him a feeling that there was something repellent and threatening in the heavy blue steel.

Thus does the long-dreamed real misbehavior—not only for Penrod!

More out of a sense of duty to bludgeon in general than for any other reason, he pointed the revolver at the lawn-mower, and gloomily murmured, "Bing!"

Simultaneously, a low and curious voice sounded from the yard outside, "Yay, Penrod!" and Sam Williams darkened the doorway, his eye falling instantly upon the weapon in his friend's hand. Sam seemed relieved to see it.

"You didn't get caught with it, did you?" he said hastily.

Penrod shook his head, rising.

"I guess not! I guess I got some brains around me," he added, inspired by Sam's presence to assume a slight swagger. "They'd have to get up pretty early to find any good old revolver, once I got my hands on it!"

"I guess we can keep it, all right," Sam said confidentially. "Because this morning papa was putting on his winter underclothes and he found it wasn't there, and they looked all over and everywhere, and he was pretty mad, and said he knew it was those cheap plumbers stole it that mamma got instead of the regular plumbers he always used to have, and he said there wasn't any chance ever gettin' it back, because you couldn't tell which one took it, and they'd all swear it wasn't them. So it looks like we could keep it for our revolver, Penrod, don't it? I'll give you half of it."

Penrod affected some enthusiasm. "Sam!" he'll keep it out here in the stable."

"Yes, and we'll go huntin' with it. We'll do lots of things with it. But Sam made no effort to take it, and neither boy seemed to feel yesterday's necessity to show the other how he did. "Wait till next Fourth of July!" Sam continued. "Oh, oh! Look out!"

This invited a genuine spark from Penrod.

"Fourth of July! I guess she'll be a little better than any firecrackers! Just a little 'Bing! Bing! Bing!' she'll be goin'." "Bing! Bing! Bing!"

The suggestion of noise stirred his comrade. "I'll bet she'll go off louder'n that time the gas-works blew up! I wouldn't be afraid to shoot her off any time."

"I bet you would," said Penrod. "You aren't used to revolvers the way I—"

"You aren't, either!" Sam exclaimed promptly. "I wouldn't be any more afraid to shoot her off than you would."

"You would, too?"

"I would not!"

"Well, let's see you then; you talk so much!" And Penrod handed the weapon scornfully to Sam, who at once became less self-assertive.

"I'd shoot her off in a minute," Sam said, "only it might break something if it hit it."

"Hold her up in the air, then. It can't hurt the roof, can it?"

Sam, with a desperate expression, lifted the revolver at arm's length. Both boys turned away their heads, and Penrod put his fingers in his ears—but nothing happened. "What's the

matter?" he demanded. "Why don't you go on if you're goin' to?" Sam lowered his arm. "I guess I didn't have her cocked," he said apologetically, whereupon Penrod loudly jeered.

"Tryin' to shoot a revolver and didn't know enough to cock her! If I didn't know any more about revolvers than that, I'd—"

"There!" Sam exclaimed, managing to draw back the hammer until two chilling clicks warranted his opinion that the pistol was now ready to perform its office. "I guess she'll do all right to suit you this time!"

"Well, why'n't you go ahead, then; you know so much!" And as Sam raised his arm, Penrod again turned away his head and placed his forefingers in his ears.

A pause followed.

"Why'n't you go ahead?"

Penrod, after waiting in keen suspense, turned to behold his friend standing with his right arm above his head, his left hand over his left ear, and both eyes closed.

"I can't pull the trigger," said Sam indistinctly, his face convulsed as in sympathy with the great muscular efforts of other parts of his body. "She won't pull!"

"She won't?" Penrod remarked with scorn. "I'll bet I could pull her."

Sam promptly opened his eyes and handed the weapon to Penrod.

"All right," he said, with surprising and unusual mildness. "You try her, then."

Inwardly disconcerted to a disagreeable extent, Penrod attempted to talk his own misgivings out of countenance.

"Poor little baby!" he said, swinging the pistol at his side with a fair pretense of careless ease. "Ain't even strong enough to pull a trigger! Poor little baby! Well, if you can't even do that much, you better watch me while I—"

"Well," said Sam reasonably, "why don't you go on and do it then?"

"Well, I am going to, ain't I?"

"Well, then, why don't you?"

"Oh, I'll do it fast enough to suit you, I guess," Penrod retorted, swinging the big revolver up a little higher than his shoulder and pointing it in the direction of the double doors, which opened upon the alley. "You better run, Sam," he jeered. "You'll be pretty scared when I shoot her off, I guess."

"Well, why don't you see if I will? I bet you're afraid yourself!"

"Oh, I am, am I?" said Penrod, in a reckless voice—and his finger touched the trigger. It seemed to him that his finger no more than touched it; perhaps he had been reassured by Sam's assertion that the trigger was difficult. His intentions must remain in doubt, and probably Penrod himself was not certain of them; but one thing comes to the surface as entirely definite—that trigger was not so hard to pull as Sam said it was.

Bang! Wh-a-sack. A shattering report split the air of the stable, and there was an office of remarkable diameter in the alley door. With these phenomena, three yells, expressing excitement of different kinds, were almost simultaneous—two from within the stable and the third from a point in the alley about eleven inches lower than the office just constructed in the planking of the door. This third point, roughly speaking, was the open mouth of a gayly dressed young colored man whose attention, as he strolled, had been thus violently distracted from some mental computations he was making in numbers, including, particularly those symbols of ecstasy or woe, as the case might be, seven and eleven. His eye at once perceived the office on a line everlastingly little above the top of his head; and, although he had not supposed himself so well known in this neighborhood, he was aware that he did, here and there, possess acquaintances of whom some such uncomplimentary action might be expected as natural and characteristic. His immediate procedure was to prostrate himself flat upon the ground, against the stable doors.

In so doing, his shoulders came brusquely in contact with one of them, which happened to be unfastened, and it swung open, revealing to his gaze two stark-white white boys, one of them

BELGIANS FORCED TO AID GERMANS

Kaiser's Officers Showed Open Disregard of International Law.

WORKMEN SEIZED AS SLAVES

Cardinal Mercier Moved to Dittier Condemnation of Acts of German Authorities Which Aroused Detestation of Christendom.

Contrary to rules laid down by the Hague convention, and all principles of civilized warfare, German authorities forced Belgians to aid them in the prosecution of the war. The committee on public information gives the facts concerning these atrocious deeds in a pamphlet recently made public, from which we take the following:

October 12, 1915 the German authorities took a long step in the development of their policy of forcing the Belgians to aid them in prosecuting the war. The decree of that date reveals the matter and openly discloses a contempt for international law.

"Article 1. Whoever, without reason, refuses to undertake or to continue work suitable to his occupation, and in the execution of which the military administration is interested, such work being ordered by one or more of the military commanders, will be liable to imprisonment not exceeding one year. He may also be transported to Germany."

"In violating Belgian laws or even international conventions to the contrary, can, in no case, justify the refusal to work."

"Article 2. Any person who by force, threats, persuasion, or other means attempts to influence another to refuse work as pointed out in Article 1, is liable to the punishment of imprisonment not exceeding five years."

"Article 3. Whoever knowingly by means of aid given or in any other way abets a punishable refusal to work, will be liable to a maximum fine of 10,000 marks, and in addition may be condemned to a year's imprisonment."

"If communes or associations have rendered themselves guilty of such an offense the heads of the communes will be punished."

"Article 4. In addition to the penalties stated in Articles 1 and 3 the German authorities may, in case of need, impose on communes, where without reason, work has been refused, a fine or other coercive police measures."

"This present decree comes into force immediately."

"Der Kaiserliche Kommandant."

"Ghent, October 12, 1915."

"Slavery," said Cardinal Mercier, "the injustice and arbitrariness of this decree exceed all that could be imagined. Forced labor, collective penalties and arbitrary punishments, all are there. It is slavery, neither more nor less."

Cardinal Mercier was in error, for the German authorities were able to imagine a much more terrible measure. In October 1916, when the need for an additional labor supply in Germany had become urgent, the German government established the system of forced labor and deportation which has aroused the detestation of Christendom. The reader will not be misled by the clumsy effort of the German authorities to mask the real purpose of the decree.

"I People able to work may be compelled to work even outside the place where they live in case they have to apply to the charity of others for the support of themselves or their dependents on account of gambling, drunkenness, loafing unemployment or idleness."

"If Every inhabitant of the country is bound to render assistance in case of accident or general danger, and also to give help in case of public calamities as far as he can, even outside the place where he lives; in case of refusal he may be compelled by force."

"If Anyone called upon to work, under Articles I or II, who shall refuse the work or to continue at the work assigned him, will incur the penalty of imprisonment up to three years and of a fine up to 10,000 marks, or one or other of these penalties, unless a severer penalty is provided for by the laws in force."

"If the refusal to work has been made in concert or in agreement with several persons each accomplice will be sentenced, as if he were a ringleader to at least a week's imprisonment."

"If The German military authorities and military courts will enforce the proper execution of this decree."

"THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, SAUBERZWEIG."

"Great Headquarters 3d October, 1916."

"Military Rulers Responsible."

The responsibility for this atrocious program rests upon the military rulers of Germany, who had labored so successfully to infect the army and the people with the principles of ruthlessness. It is significant that the decree of October 3, 1916, followed hard upon the elevation of Hindenburg to the supreme command with Ludendorff as his chief of staff. In his long report of January 30, 1917, Minister Whitlock says: (On file in state department.)

"Then, in August, Von Hindenburg was appointed to the supreme command. He is said to have criticized Von Blasing's policy as too mild, there was a quarrel; Von Blasing went to Berlin to protest, threatened to resign, but did not. He returned, and a German official here said that Belgium would now be made into a more terrible regime—would learn what war was. The prophecy has been vindicated. Recently I was told that the drastic measures are really of Ludendorff's inspiration; I do not know. Many German officers say so."

"If Von Blasing had opposed the policy of deportation when his own influence was overruled, he consented to become the devil's advocate and defended the system in public. Especially instructive is the following conversation reported by Mr. F. C. Walcott:

"I went to Belgium to investigate conditions, and while there I had opportunity . . . to talk one day with Governor General Von Blasing, who died three or four weeks ago, a man twenty-two or twenty-three years old a man steeped in the 'system,' born and bred in the hardening of the heart which that philosophy develops. There ought to be some new word coined for the process that a man's heart undergoes when it becomes steeped in that system."

"I said to him 'Governor, what are you going to do if England and France stop giving these people money to purchase food?'"

Van Blasing Relied on Starvation. "He said, 'We have got that all worked out and have had it worked out for weeks, because we have expected this system to break down at any time.'"

"He went on to say, 'Starvation will grip these people in thirty to sixty days. Starvation is a compelling force, and we would use that force to compel the Belgian workmen, many of them very skilled, to go to Germany to replace the Germans, so that they could go to the front and fight against the English and the French.'"

"As fast as our railway transportation could carry them, we would transport thousands of others that would be fit for agricultural work, across Europe down into southeastern Europe into Mesopotamia, where we have huge, splendid irrigation works. All that land needs is water and it will blossom like the rose."

"The weak, remaining, the old and the young we would concentrate opposite the firing line, and put firing squads back of them, and force them through that line, so that the English and French could take care of their own people."

"It was a perfectly simple direct, frank reasoning. It meant that the German government would use any force in the destruction of any people and its own to further its own ends." Frederick C. Walcott, in National Geographic Magazine, May, 1917.

A brief general view of the character of the deportations can perhaps be gained best from the report of Minister Whitlock.

"The deportations began in October in the Etsape at Ghent, and at Bruges, as my brief telegrams indicated. The policy spread, the rich industrial districts of Hainault, the mines and steel works about Charleroi were next attacked, now they are seizing men in Brabant, even in Brussels, despite some indications and even predictions of the civil authorities that the policy was about to be abandoned."

[The etapes were the parts of Belgium under martial law and included the province of western Flanders, part of eastern Flanders, and the region of Tournai. The remainder of the occupied part of Belgium was under civil government.]

"Pitiable and Dismal Scene."

"During the last fortnight men have been impressed here in Brussels but their seizures here are made evidently with much greater care than in the provinces, with more regard for the appearances. There was no public announcement of the intention to deport, but suddenly about ten days ago certain men in towns whose names are on the list of chateaux received summons notifying them to report at one of the railway stations on a given day, penalties were fixed for failure to respond to the summons and there was printed on the card an offer of employment by the German government, either in Germany or Belgium. On the first day out of about 1500 men or thereabouts were taken to the Gare du Midi about 750 responded. These were examined by German physicians and 300 were taken. There was no disorder, a large force of mounted Uhlans keeping back the crowds and barring access to the station to all but those who had been summoned to appear. The commission for relief in Belgium had secured permission to give to each deported man a loaf of bread, and some of the communes provided warm clothing for those who had none and in addition a small financial allowance. As by one of the ironies of life the winter has been more excessively cold than Belgium has ever known it, and while many of those who presented themselves were adequately protected against the cold, many of them were without overcoats. The men shivering from cold and fear, the parting from weeping wives and children, the barriers of brutal Uhlans all this made the scene a pitiable and distressing one."

"It was understood that the seizures would continue here in Brussels, but on Thursday last, a bitter cold day, those that had been crowded were sent home without examination. It is supposed that the severe weather has moved the Germans to postpone the deportations."

Couldn't Help It. Editor—Your poem contained many spelling errors. Poet—Indeed? Editor—Yes, they flashed when the flames caught them.

FICKLE

"Do you think you could be true to one man for a lifetime?" "I surely could, but not to the same one."

"You've got to fight for someone!" That's practically what the new international draft arrangement between the United States and Great Britain says to every one of the 800,000 Britishers and Canadians residing in the United States.

The idea that only British subjects of the American draft age—21 to 31—will be liable to conscription, is entirely erroneous, because the new agreement with Great Britain and Canada provides that the subjects of the two countries between the ages of twenty and forty years inclusive shall be liable for military service, a prominent officer of the British and Canadian Recruiting Mission declared today.

Every day the familiar British phrase "Carry on!" came newer and deeper meaning. So far as Great Britain and Canada are concerned, they are determined to fight on until the Germans are thoroughly beaten.

Major Donald Guthrie of the Canadian Army, who spent two and one-half years at the front in France, told his young son that if wounded, he must get back to the casualty clearing station at the earliest possible moment to avoid the consequences of gas gangrene. The boy was wounded, but continued to fight for five hours. When reproved later by the major, he said, "Why, father, what could I do? Our major and I were the only officers left, and as he lay on the ground before me, he called out, 'Carry on!' and died and I stayed until the attack was repelled."

That is the spirit behind the words "Carry on!" Major Guthrie's son enlisted as a private and is now a captain in the Canadian Expeditionary Forces.

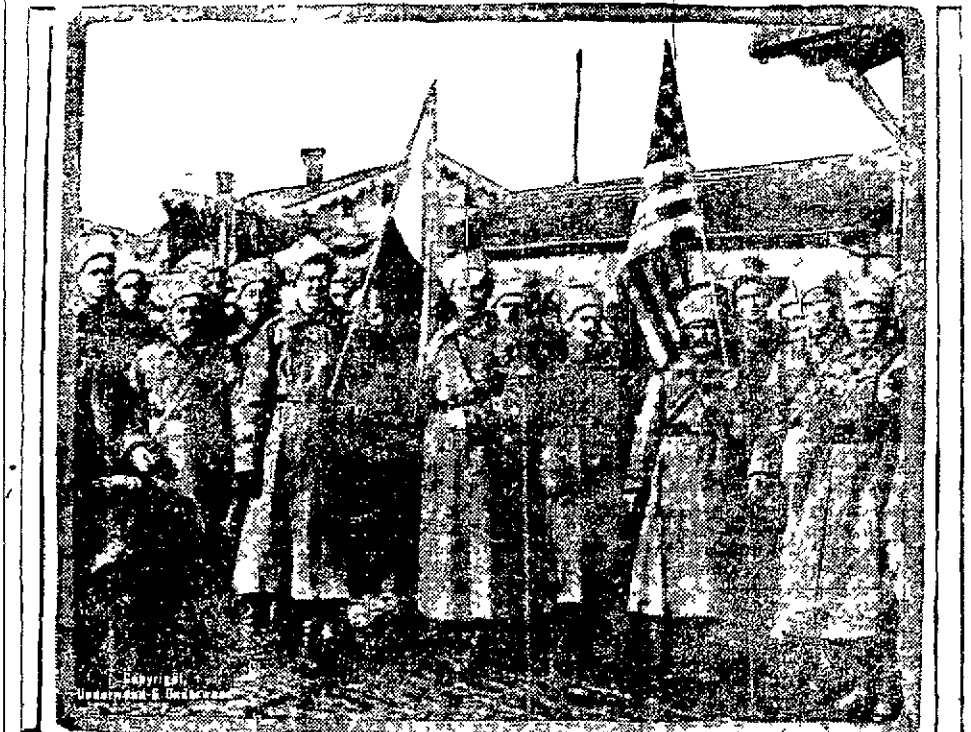
Just before dawn is a favorite time for troops in France to move up to the front line trenches and prepare for the day's work. Silhouetted against the sky, they are not only determined but picturesque as well as they "Carry on."

Moving up the guns in France is an interesting but difficult maneuver owing to the soft character of the ground and the great weight of the guns. Despite the labor involved, the men are always cheerful because the guns are moving toward the enemy. When the big British guns are shelling the German trenches, the noise of the cannonading is often heard on the south coast of Kent, England, and ever as far as the outskirts of London.

"Can the Germans break through on the Western front?" Major Guthrie was asked.

"Two and a half years ago they could not do it, and they might as well try to pull the sun from the heavens as to break through now," was the spirited reply.

REORGANIZED RUSSIAN LEGION IN FRANCE ADOPTS THE GLORIOUS STARS AND STRIPES



PRINCETON PLAYER SCORES A VICTORY



"Hober" Baker, former Princeton football star and hockey player, recently scored a victory for the American aviation corps in France when he sent a German airplane crashing to the ground "somewhere" on the western front.

The photograph shows Baker in military garb. Somewhere in France.

Eddy a First Lieutenant. John Eddy, former Princeton athlete has been promoted from second lieutenant to first lieutenant on recommendation of Brigadier General Kennon.

Practice in Tournaments. In future amateur halikine billiard tournaments contestants will be allowed five minutes preliminary practice in advance of a championship match.

Gulford Will Fly. Jesse Gulford who has been acting as a golf partner for Francis Quimet, has passed his examination for a license into the army aviation service.

Club for Motorcyclists. The New York Motorcyclist club will build a clubhouse and establish permanent quarters at Amityville Long Island. Men and women motorcyclists will be eligible for membership.

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FOOTBALLS SENT TO FRANCE

More Than 1,000 Balls, Purchased by Harvard Graduates, Sent to American Soldiers.

Frederic W. Moore, Harvard university's graduate treasurer, has sent more than 1,000 footballs to American soldiers in France. They were purchased with funds supplied by Harvard graduates and were sent to France through the Red Cross. Fully four-fifths of the consignment were soccer footballs, the chief reason for the selection being that neither the equipment nor the fields were qualified to meet the demands of the gridiron sport while soccer like baseball may be played almost anywhere and without extensive equipment.

Lieutenant Richards, Former Star Athlete, Makes Presentation to University of Utah.

First Lieutenant Alma W. Richards, Cornell university's former star athlete has presented to Brigham Young university at Provo Utah his large and valuable collection of medals trophy cups statuettes etc. which he won in various competitions in the last few years. This is the institution where Richards performed in his early part of his field career.

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JACK WILCE ENLISTS IN MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS



Coach Jack Wilce who piloted Ohio state football championships in 1916 and 1917 has enlisted in the medical reserve corps. He will finish his course in medicine at Ohio state before being called for active service.

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Jimmy Breton, former White Sox third baseman, has been accepted as an aviator by the government. Breton was signed by the Sox as a result of a stellar work for the University of Illinois nine. He is a graduate of the engineering department of the school and had no difficulty passing either the physical or the technical examinations.

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GERMAN HONOR DRAGGED IN DUST

Solemn Promises Made to Belgians Proved to Be Worse Than Worthless.

ALL APPEALS WERE FLOUTED

Pathetic and Dignified Supplications of Municipal Governments Answered by Rebuke and Heavy Fine Imposed by General Hopter.

Over the earnest protest of Cardinal Mercier heroic head of the church in Belgium the terrible plans of the Kaiser's high officers concerning the deportation of the people were carried out. The solemn pledged word of the German governor general of Belgium counted as nothing in the malignant hate shown by the Kaiser's creatures.

Cardinal Mercier attempted to persuade the German authorities to abandon their terrible plans for the seizure of Belgians to assist in the prosecution of the war, reminding them of their solemn promises in the past.

Mahines 19th October, 1916. "Mr. Governor General."

"The day after the surrender of Antwerp the frightened population asked itself what would become of the Belgians of age to bear arms or who would reach that age before the end of the occupation. The entreaties of the fathers and mothers of families determined me to question the governor of Antwerp Baron von Hopter, who had the kindness to reassure me and to authorize me in his name to reassure the agonized parents. The rumor had spread at Antwerp nevertheless, that at Liege, Namur and Charleroi young men had been seized and taken by force to Germany. I therefore begged Governor von Hopter to be good enough to confirm to me in writing the guarantee which he had given to me orally to the effect that nothing similar would happen at Antwerp. He said to me immediately that the rumors concerning deportations were without basis, and unhesitatingly he sent me in writing among other statements, the following: 'Young men have no reason to fear that they will be taken to Germany either to be there enrolled in the army or employed for forced labor.'"

"This declaration, written and signed, was publicly transmitted to the clergy and to those of the faith of the province of Antwerp, as your excellency can see from the document enclosed herewith, dated October 16th, 1914 which was read in all the churches."

Solemn German Promises Broken. Upon the arrival of your predecessor, the late Baron von der Goltz at Brussels I had the honor of presenting myself at his house and requested him to be good enough to ratify for the entire country without time limit, the guarantees which General von Hopter had given me for the province of Antwerp. The governor general retained this request in his possession in order to examine it at his leisure. The following day he was good enough to come in person to Malines to bring me his approval and confirmed to me, in the presence of two aides-de-camp and of my private secretary, the promise that the liberty of Belgian citizens would be respected.

"To doubt the authority of such undertakings would have been to reflect upon the persons who had made them, and I therefore took steps to allay, by all the means of persuasion in my power, the anxieties which persisted in the interested families."

"Notwithstanding all this, your government now tears from their homes workmen reduced in spite of their efforts to a state of unemployment, separates them by force from their wives and children and deports them to enemy territory. Numerous workmen have already undergone this unhappy lot, mere numerous are those who are threatened with the same acts of violence."

Mercier's Moving Appeal. In the name of the liberty of domicile and the liberty of work of Belgian citizens, in the name of the inviolability of families; in the name of moral interests which the measures of deportation would gravely compromise, in the name of the word given by the governor of the Province of Antwerp and by the governor general, the immediate representative of the highest authority of the German empire, I respectfully beg your excellency to be good enough to withdraw the measures of forced labor and of deportation announced to the Belgian workmen, and to be good enough to reinstate in their homes those who have already been deported."

"Your excellency will appreciate how painful for me would be the weight of the responsibility that I would have to bear as regards these families, if the confidence which they have given you through my agency and at my request were lamentably deceived."

"I persist in believing that this will not be the case."

Accept, Mr. Governor General the assurance of my very high consideration.

"D. J. CARDINAL MERCIER."

Municipal governments in Belgium appealed to the German authorities to observe their promises. The two documents which follow illustrate Belgian appeals and German answers.

"In the matters of the regulation made by the German authorities on October 20, 1916 (regulation of a list of workmen to be drawn up by the municipalities)."

"The municipal council resolves to maintain its attitude of refusal."

"It further feels it its duty to place on record the following:

